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Saipan landowners who have been waiting for decades to be paid for their private property that the government took for public use such as roads would soon be paid a portion of the amount owed them using $800,000 in Managaha landing fees. Rep. Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the payments, in his view, are supposed to be made within 60 days from July 19, or by middle of September.

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From left, House Vice Speaker Frank Dela Cruz (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Anthony Benavente (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Trenton Conner (Ind-Tinian) and Rep. Antonio Agulto (Ind-Saipan) take a breather during a short House session break on Tuesday wherein the members passed a $134.33 million budget bill. The fiscal year 2015 spending bill is now under Senate review, barely two months before the budget deadline.

Japan market on a decline

» Tourism stakeholders seek to boost Japan market

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Despite the record-breaking hotel occupancy levels for the CNMI in recent months, one market that once was a dominant segment has been on a steady decline, prompting worries among tourism stakeholders in the CNMI.

The Japan market, now declared as a "crisis market," has decreased significantly, based on the Marianas Visitors Authority's visitor arrival records for fiscal year 2014, losing its pole position to the Korea and China markets.

Japan's market share in visitor arrivals was already at an anemic 34.2 percent in fiscal year 2013. This further declined to 26.2 percent in fiscal year 2014, mainly because of limited air service.

"Although hoteliers are experiencing record-breaking occupancy levels, we understand that we must continue to support the Japan market in order to achieve a healthy economy," said Hotel Association of the Northern Marianas Islands vice chair Gloria Cavanagh yesterday at

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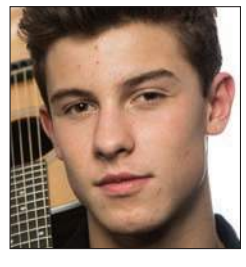

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PSS optimistic it will fill needed positions for new school year

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About 50 applicants have applied for jobs within the CNMI's Public School System, even as recruitment continues this month, according to the PSS Human Resources Office.

PSS Human Resources director Cindy Deleon Guerrero said she is very optimistic that PSS will meet its areas of need, which, according to her, are primarily in school personnel.

"We continue to accept highly qualified applicants," she said.

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan said in a Board of Education meeting last week that PSS needs 29 more teachers for the upcoming school year.

According to the HR office, positions needed are classroom teachers for Kindergarten through fifth grade, middle and high school teachers for English, science, math, technology, career and technical education, and special education teachers, in addition to school counselors and positions in mental health service.

In the board meeting, Sablan said that PSS is happy to see the progress they have made as middle schools and elementary schools are reconfigured for this fall.

"We are happy to see the progress the schools have in terms of moving. All teachers have already been identified and vacancies identified for middle school," Sablan said.

This school year, San Vicente Elementary school will accommodate students from kindergarten to fifth grade as Dandan Elementary School becomes a new middle school for sixth and eighth graders. The same goes for Koblerville Elementary as San Antonio Elementary will be turned into a middle school as well.

Tanapag Elementary will be reconfigured as a middle school, while Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary will accommodate its students.

"We have made assignments as to who will be the administrators and counselors for middle school, elementary and high school," Sablan said at the meeting.

Recruitment fairs on Saipan took place on July 17 and 18. The next fair is scheduled for Aug. 7 and 8 at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

For Rota and Tinian, there will be fairs held this Friday at Dr. Rita Inos Junior High School and Tinian Elementary School.

All job fair are scheduled to take place between 9am and 3pm.

Swift Senate action on House budget bill eyed

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Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) said yesterday that the Senate will act immediately on the $134.33 million budget bill that the House passed on Tuesday, with barely two months to go before the fiscal year 2015 budget deadline.

"I'd like to see members move this bill expeditiously," Torres told *Saipan Tribune*. "Members of the Senate begin reviewing the bill this week, followed by a leadership meeting on the budget bill next week."

Torres said they are aiming to place the budget bill on the Senate session calendar in early August.

Historically, the Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee, chaired by Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota), would hold the same budget hearings that the Ways and Means Committee already held for several weeks. This usually takes weeks. Agencies that did not get what they want from the House version of the budget bill would also go to the Senate to lobby for a higher budget.

Torres said yesterday the Senate recognizes that the House, through it Ways and Means Committee, had already heard from agencies seeking more funding than what's proposed for them either under the governor's proposal or the House version.

"I'm sure critical agencies would be addressed. We've been through this process over and over. There should be justification for drastic changes in agencies' budget. I also congratulate the House speaker, the Ways and Means Committee chairman, and the members and the full House for their passage of the bill. We are looking forward to a harmonious budget process," Torres added.

Once the Senate amends any provision of the budget bill, the bill goes back to the House for either acceptance or rejection of the Senate amendments.

If and when the House rejects any or all of the Senate amendments, a conference committee from both chambers will be formed to hash out the differences and come up with a compromise 2015 spending plan.

If no new budget is passed and signed by Oct. 1, the start of the new fiscal year, then the government would have to shut down and lawmakers' salaries would be suspended until a new budget is in place.

"The Senate will do everything in its authority to prevent a government shutdown. I highly doubt a shutdown because of the good working relationship we have with the House and its leadership," Torres added.

House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) said he hopes the Senate "does not reinvent the wheel" by holding the same budget hearings and legwork that the House already did.

Ex-convict who burglarized Garapan apartment gets 15-month sentence

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Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman imposed yesterday a 15-month prison sentence against an ex-convict who burglarized an apartment in Garapan and stole some items to support his poker addiction.

Wiseman sentenced Kchek Bunusek to three years in prison, all suspended except for 15 months, for burglary. Bunusek, 44, was given credit for time served.

The judge said he has considered the arguments of the parties, including the government's position that the system has been too lenient with Bunusek in the past and that the defendant should serve a sentence that will deter recidivism and similar conduct by others.

"This is a case where the best interests of justice and of this society will be best served by imposing a jail term that the court believes will have a deterrent effect on the life of the defendant upon his release, and more important, on those potential offenders," Wiseman said.

Bunusek will be placed on probation once he completes his sentence. He was required to perform 500 hours of community service and pay a $100 court costs plus probation fee in an amount to be determined by the Office of Adult Probation.

Bunusek was ordered to undergo evaluation at the Community Guidance Center and

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comply with any recommended treatment.

Assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas had recommended a three-year prison term, citing Bunusek's criminal history. She said that Bunusek has not been properly rehabilitated as his crimes have escalated from misdemeanor to felony.

Bunusek's lawyer, assistant public defender Eden Schwartz, recommended a sentence of one year in prison and two years' probation. She said Bunusek has learned his lessons and that he is not a hardened criminal.

Schwartz said that Bunusek has suffered a series of losses and has a history of alcoholism and substance abuse. She said the defendant's father died in 1978 from alcohol-related illnesses. She noted that the defendant turned to alcohol after the death of his three sons.

The defense lawyer said Bunusek's poverty, lack of education, and history of alcohol and drug addiction make him a strong candidate for probation where he can get help and resources, not jail. She added that the defendant has a 14-year-old son and a 6-year-old daughter to raise.

In his brief statement before the judge handed down the sentence, Bunusek apologized to the victim for what he did. He promised the court not to commit any crime again.

"I will not do it again," he said.

In sentencing the defendant, Wiseman said the victim could have been seriously injured had she been home during the burglary. Fortunately, Wiseman said, the victim was not there.

Wiseman said Bunusek is no stranger to the criminal justice system as he was charged with riot in July 1999. That case was ultimately dismissed after the defendant completed a diversion program.

In December 2009, Bunusek was convicted of disturbing the peace and obstructing justice, but he was only sentenced to seven days.

Wiseman acknowledged Bunusek's position that the burglary was not premeditated or a violent act and was instead a crime of opportunity. Bunusek saw an open window and got the idea to steal, Wiseman said.

Wiseman said Bunusek was extremely cooperative with the police, gave a full statement, and gave information sufficient to locate and retrieve the stolen items.

On the day police questioned him, the judge added, Bunusek wrote an apology to the victim.

Police arrested Bunusek for burglary and theft a day after he burglarized an apartment unit in Garapan on March 9, 2014. He signed a plea deal with the government and pleaded guilty to burglary.

Bunusek was identified by police officer Jason Tarkong after the suspect rearranged the position of a surveillance camera, not knowing of the existence of a second hidden camera at the apartment unit that he had burglarized.

Bunusek later confessed that he sold the laptop for $75 to a store cashier and the cell phone for $100 to a couple.

EPA: Recharging ACs with wrong refrigerant risky

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is cautioning homeowners, manufacturers of propane-based refrigerants, home improvement contractors and air conditioning technicians of the safety hazards related to the use of propane in existing motor vehicle and home air conditioning systems.

A number of refrigerants with "22a" or "R-22a" in the name contain highly flammable hydrocarbons, such as propane. These refrigerants are being marketed to consumers seeking to recharge existing home and motor vehicle air conditioning

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Rota lass accepted to L.A. dance camp

Since her early teens on Rota, Zhee Frazier has found joy, expression, and even friends through dancing. Now, at the urging of a friend and fellow local dancer Ray Lizama, Frazier wants to widen her talents on the floors of the Lifestyle Latitude Dance Academy this October, where she has been accepted for the second time.

Frazier said she was supposed to attend the dance workshop with Lizama in June but was forced to back out due to a lack of funds.

Frazier, who goes by the handle "Zheelicious" in her YouTube account, said she previously felt her dance opportunities were limited not only because of funds but because of her Philippine citizenship. But by doing research, she informed herself of the qualifications she would need to travel and the opportunities available to her.

"I just really want to do this," she said.

To help her to do this, a Happy Hour fundraising is set for tonight at the 360 Restaurant in Susupe. Unlimited appetizers, raffle prizes, and entertainment will be provided for $25.

Frazier said her friend, Lizama, came back from the academy with the inspiring experience of dance activities led by famous choreographers

According to Frazier, only 16 dancers were chosen for October's dance camp.

"Since space is limited, I was lucky to be one of those chosen," she said.

Frazier said part of registration was answering why she wanted to join the dance camp. She said she managed to convince them about her passion for dancing and the fact that she is representing Rota and Saipan.

"I am actually more nervous [than excited]" she said.

Frazier said she dances in many forms, but enjoys contemporary dancing the most, especially lyrical dance, for its expression of words and music through one's body.

As to how a terrible dancer could improve on this artistic form, Frazier said dancing is really about passion and determination to learn and be the best dancer you can be.

"It's not about being good. [It's] the drive, working to learn, by being better than what you were yesterday," Frazier said.

She said she intends to teach and share what she learns from the camp when she returns to the island.

For more information on tonight's fundraiser Frazier can be reached at 785-2031. For more information on the dance camp, visit la-latitude.com. ***(Dennis B. Chan)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Zhee Frazier, center, finds joy, expression, and even friends through dancing.

Admin monitors conflicting court rulings on Obamacare

The Inos administration said yesterday that the two conflicting rulings from the U.S. Court of Appeals on the same day over the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare does not seem to have any impact on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' announcement last week that certain provisions of ACA would no longer be interpreted to apply to the CNMI and other U.S. territories.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, however, said the Inos administration will continue to monitor ensuing developments.

"At this point, it doesn't seem like either of the conflicting rulings would have any impact on HHS' announcement that the territories were largely exempted from the ACA," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said, "We need to wait and let the process come to some finality."

On Tuesday, a panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit struck down a major part of Obamacare, ruling that the insurance subsidies that help millions of Americans pay for coverage are illegal in three dozen states.

Less than two hours later, a panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit, based in Richmond, handed down a contradictory ruling on the issue in a separate case. This raises the possibility of yet another high-stakes battle over Obamacare playing out before the Supreme Court.

The conflicting rulings center on whether the insurance subsidies may be awarded in states that chose not to set up their own insurance marketplaces and instead left the task to the federal government.

Sablan said the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' decision last week "is more complicated than it appears."

"And we remain at work trying to fully understand its implications to insurance companies, employers, employees and health insurance consumers in the Northern Marianas," he said.

Sablan said he "wanted a temporary relief—a delay of the ACA's 2014 minimum requirements."

CMS, just a year ago, said the CNMI was included in the law's definition of a state for this purpose.

"Then last week, and probably in response to the combined request of insurance commissioners from all non-state parts of the U.S., CMS made a complete reversal to its earlier decision. …The minimum protection requirements set forth in ACA protect consumers. And I want those protections to continue. But it became a problem when premiums become too expensive, and there were no premium subsidies, for the Northern Marianas. And now, potentially for residents of the 36 states that do not have state health exchanges," Sablan said yesterday.

He said he will continue to work in Congress "to see how we can continue to protect consumers but also not drive insurance companies away."

"And, truth be told, insurance companies don't object to the minimum requirements applying to the Northern Marianas so long as the premium subsidies are available. The CMS decision does not change my work relationship with insurance company executives just as I have been doing for about two years now. I urge them not to roll back the coverage they provided up to last week's CMS decision," he added.

Last week, HHS determined specifically that individual or group health insurance issuers in the U.S. territories need not comply with the guaranteed availability, community rating, single risk pool, rate review, medical loss ratio, and essential health benefits provisions of health law. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

$800K

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to distribute those funds," Tebuteb said in an interview.

The land compensation payment represents the biggest payments in recent years.

It is part of a local measure that automatically became law on July 19 without Gov. Eloy S. Inos' signature.

The same local law gives $100,000 to the NMI Museum of History and Culture, and another $100,000 to the non-profit group NMD Corp., using funds also from the Managaha landing fee.

The $100,000 set aside for the NMD Corp. drew flak from some lawmakers and community members who said giving a non-profit group direct government appropriation—especially if the group has questionable goals—sets a bad precedent as other groups could also ask for similar treatment.

The NMD Corp. claims to represent people of Northern Marianas descent and opposes a court ruling allowing non-NMDs to vote on Article 12 initiatives. It also opposes the foreign worker program extension, the granting of improved status to long-term legal foreign workers in the CNMI, and the U.S. military's use of Pagan, among other things.

Inos, however, allowed the bill to automatically become law without affixing his signature not because of the $100,000 appropriation to the NMD Corp. but because of pending judgments such as those involving land compensations.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said yesterday there is an issue "in regards to land compensation payments because there are many other landowners who have yet to be made whole."

"In view of this, the administration is considering going the route of a certified question to get legal guidelines for pending judgments or obligations such as land compensation," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

Rep. Antonio Benavente's (Ind-Saipan) House Local Bill 18-45, Draft 1 is now Saipan Local Law 18-19.

The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation passed the bill, co-authored by four other lawmakers, on final reading on June 24 and transmitted it to the governor on June 30.

Fair distribution

The $800,000 is just a drop in a bucket, considering that the CNMI government owes Saipan landowners over $80 million in unpaid land compensation plus interest.

"But we have to start somewhere," Tebuteb added.

Saipan lawmakers want to ensure there is equal distribution of available funds for landowners.

This, after media reports showed that over 300 families have yet to receive a penny from the government in exchange for the taking of their land for public purposes, while some landowners got paid anywhere between $100,000 and $4.4 million each. Some got paid only a few years after the taking of their land.

Section 1(a) of the new local law states partly that funds appropriated under this section "shall be distributed equally by percentage to all land compensation claims within the Third Senatorial District within 60 days of the funds being received by the Department of Public Lands."

Tebuteb said in his view, the 60-day period ends in mid-September.

"The funds are already with DPL as I understand it," Tebuteb said. He said it is now up to DPL to calculate and distribute the payments to Saipan landowners.

Saipan landowners are owed between a few thousand dollars to over $11 million.

DPL Secretary Pete A. Tenorio said yesterday he has yet to review the new local law.

Tebuteb said if it is a standard pro-rated process to ensure fairness and equal distribution, the calculation could be the amount owed divided by the estimated total amount owed of over $80 million, multiplied by $800,000.

For example, a family owed $50,000 in land compensation could expect a payment of some $500, while a family owed about $1 million could expect a payment of some $10,000. But Tebuteb said this is just his calculation; another process could be applied.

The last time the CNMI government made major payments for land compensations was when a $40 million bond was floated. But $11 million of that money went to the construction of an adult prison in Susupe.

The CNMI government's land compensation program began in 1978, many of them for right-of-way or road projects.

Expenditure authority

The new local law sets aside $100,000 for the NMI Museum of History and Culture's long-awaited renovation and upkeep. The expenditure authority is the museum's executive director.

The $100,000 appropriated for the NMD Corp. is for the group's "operations and functions," under the expenditure authority of the Finance secretary.

JAPAN

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the HANMI joint board meeting at the Saipan World Resort.

"Tourism is fragile, it is dependent on seasonal and stable air service," Cavanagh added.

According to Delta Air Lines Asia Pacific managing director Jeffrey Bernier, not all Japan outbound travelers to the CNMI want low prices. Many Japanese travelers, whom he described as "very savvy," also value luxury and the value of the hotel itself.

"Which is why I am encouraging hoteliers to invest in services…to set you apart from other competitions," Bernier said. "Japan is a mature stable market, we just need to reinvest and reinvigorate."

He noted that Guam remains the destination of choice for shopping for the Japan market, but the CNMI remains the destination for natural beauty.

"We face challenges here, especially among young female Japanese travelers. They want to stay at a luxury hotel and want to shop more," Bernier said.

Challenges

AVIAREPS Marketing Garden founder and chair Michael Merner said at the Marianas Visitor's Authority general membership meeting earlier this month that the insufficiency of hotel rooms specifically for the Japan market is a challenge for the CNMI. Merner said that Japanese tourist usually look for branded hotels.

Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Alex Sablan noted the branding of the former Palms Resort in San Roque, which will be run as a Sheraton hotel, as well as the rebranding of other hotels, will be helping out the CNMI.

Other challenges facing the Japan market are the lack of air services to the CNMI.

Bernier said they are looking into inviting low cost carriers to service the Commonwealth.

"Both inbound and outbound tourism are being looked at for the growing economy, and there is an increase destination competition and expansions of low cost carriers," Bernier said.

Other challenges for the CNMI are the frequent suspension of Delta night flights from Narita, seasonal operations from Kansai International Airport, and limited charter flights from Nagoya, lack of seats from Guam to Saipan to attract passengers from United Airlines' gateway cities in Japan, unstable flight services from Saipan to Tinian and Rota, and the increasing number of low-cost carriers to other short-haul destinations that are competitively priced.

Merner said a consumer survey in Japan showed that the CNMI still has deep appeal for Japanese tourists, and the best opportunities to exploit that appeal is the proposed "beautiful flower islands project," sports branding, and securing low-cost carrier service to the CNMI.

Steven Crowdey of Delta Air Lines did note that they are looking at potential opportunities this summer out of Nagoya to Saipan.

EPA

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systems that were not designed to use propane or other flammable refrigerants. These refrigerants have never been submitted to EPA for review of their health and environmental impacts and are not approved for use in existing air conditioning systems.

Using propane-based refrigerant in an air conditioner that is not designed for flammable refrigerants poses a threat to homeowners as well as service technicians because systems that are recharged with "22a" refrigerants can catch fire or explode resulting in injury and property damage. EPA is investigating instances where propane-based refrigerants have been marketed and used as a substitutes for HCFC-22 (R-22) and will take enforcement actions where appropriate.

More information about R-22a and alternatives for air conditioning: http://www.epa.gov/ozone/snap/r22a.html. ***(EPA)***

Fitial motion to drop charges placed under advisement

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Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman yesterday placed under advisement former governor Benigno R. Fitial's motion to dismiss the criminal charges filed against him.

After listening to counsels' arguments, Wiseman said he would issue a written order.

Fitial, who is currently in the Philippines for medical treatment, was not in court. Some of his family members and supporters watched the hearing.

The main argument of attorney Stephen J. Nutting, counsel for Fitial, is that the Legislature had no authority to grant the public auditor the power to prosecute a criminal complaint, especially when that power is afforded to the attorney general under the CNMI Constitution.

Nutting said even if the statute were constitutional, it did not give the public auditor the authority to bring criminal charges against a former governor who is now a private citizen.

"The Constitution is clear—it gives the authority to the attorney general to prosecute and not the Office of the Public Auditor," the lawyer pointed out at the hearing.

Only if the AG refuses to prosecute will it become necessary for the OPA to take on that role, Nutting said.

In an interview after the hearing, Nutting said his major point is his belief that the public auditor has certain duties that it has to complete before it could bring criminal actions.

He said the public auditor's principal duty being to advise the AG that it believes a criminal act had been committed

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either by the governor or the AG.

Nutting said there was no indication that such a report had been made.

"It's my contention that without a report being made to the attorney general and giving the attorney general the opportunity to exercise discretion it was given under the Constitution to prosecute or not to prosecute, it was not until that decision could be made that the public auditor can bring criminal charges," Nutting said.

In the government's opposition to the motion, Office of the Public Auditor legal counsel George L. Hasselback said that Fitial's interpretation of the statute is incorrect and would result in absurdities.

Not only does this interpretation disregard the basic sentence structure of the statute, but such an interpretation would also result in absurd applications that would waste time, money, and resources of the government, as to render the entire statute useless, Hasselback said.

"Who says we didn't inform the attorney general?" Hasselback asked at the hearing, adding that OPA has been corresponding with the AG over the years about OPA's investigation in Fitial's case.

Hasselback said if OPA usurped the AG's authority to prosecute, the AG would be in court today, but they were not.

In a later interview, Hasselback said this is a fairly new exercise of authority by the Office of the Public Auditor.

"If you remember, we went through most of this whether or not the public auditor had the constitutional authority to bring charges," he said, citing the case against former AG Edward T. Buckingham.

Hasselback said it is essentially the same arguments to a large degree and the same authorities apply.

"We hope we get the same results," he added.

As to the question of why bring the charges now, Hasselback said this is answered by the statute of limitations.

"Sometimes people complain that agencies waited too long to bring charges. But if you bring the statute of limitations, there is really no complaint that you waited too long," he pointed out.

Nutting said the court should consider the purpose and intent of the statute, that is, to address the concern that a sitting governor could simply remove a prosecuting attorney general and thus avoid any criminal prosecution.

"Since Fitial is not the governor, and cannot remove the attorney general, the Attorney General's Office is the agency to prosecute this action," Nutting said.

He said the public auditor may then be advised that it can forward a report to the AG of its "reasonable belief" that the former governor committed these and other criminal acts, and to allow the AG to determine if the matter is worthy of criminal prosecution, and if criminal prosecution is truly "necessary" and in the best interest of the Commonwealth.

OPA's complaint charges Fitial with 10 various criminal charges. OPA later amended the information to include three more charges.

The charges are related to the unauthorized release of a federal inmate, award of a sole-source American Recovery and Reinvestment Act contract, shielding of former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham from being served with penal summons, and the execution of a power purchase agreement contract related to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

Fitial, 68, has pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Box jellyfish spotted in waters off Guam

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—Guam officials say box jellyfish have been spotted offshore.

Pacific Daily News says it's possible the jellyfish will be near Guam soon.

Officials say it's unsafe to enter water when jellyfish are present.

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Man safely exits burning car in Garapan

A man managed to get out of his car just before it became engulfed in flames in Garapan on Tuesday night.

The driver sustained no injuries, according to Department of Public Safety Fire Division spokesperson Jocelyn Alvarez.

Alvarez said the vehicle, a Toyota MR2, was badly burned and had to be towed away.

Alvarez said fire investigator Anthony Babauta indicated that although the cause of the blaze has yet to be determined, they are looking into mechanical issues as a possible cause.

DPS Fire Division received an emergency call for a possible vehicle on fire by the northern entrance to the MIHA Housing across the Century Hotel at 9:54pm.

A rescue unit, the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and high-yield Explosives, arrived at the scene at 9:56pm, but did not find the car's driver in the area.

A fire engine from San Roque Fire Station arrived at 10:02pm and extinguished the blaze five minutes later.

Alvarez said the information gathered indicates that the driver was exiting the MIHA Housing area when he heard a "pop" sound from behind his car. When he looked into the rearview mirror, he saw what appeared to be sparks and flames. He then exited the car to look for assistance and returned to the scene at 10pm.

CBRNE is not a water equipped vehicle.

Alvarez said CBRNE responds to all hazard materials, suppression, and any vehicle-related calls as it carries the heavy equipment used for vehicle extrication, medical/trauma equipment and additional equipment needed for suppression incidents. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

All pass sanitary inspections

The Bureau of Environmental Health inspected the following retails, eating and drinking establishments in June and their grades are as follow:

GRADE "A"

Shell Gualo Rai, Gualo Rai
Shell Airport, Airport Road
Jang Gun Restaurant, Garapan
Sun Leader Supermarket, Garapan
Mc. Donald's, Garapan
Mc. Donald's, Chalan Laulau
Moby Dick Restaurant, Garapan
National Office Supply, Garapan
Café Judy's, As Lito
99 Cents Supermarket, Garapan
Seoul One restaurant, Garapan
Café at the Park, Garapan
Pacific Subsea Retail, Lower Base
San Antonio Supermarket, San Antonio
Pizza Hut Restaurant, Gualo Rai
Susan's Catering, Chalan Kanoa
Ming Yang Market, Dan Dan
SA Market, San Antonio
Cabalen Catering, Chalan Kanoa
Star Apple Retail Store, San Jose
Twist Potato Food Cart, Susupe
Lau Market, Chalan Kanoa
Coca Cola Wholesale, Chalan Laulau
Ice Kiss Wholesale, Chalan Laulau
Java Bakery, San Vicente
Store CBA, Garapan
Kee Sandwich To Go, Garapan
J's Restaurant, San Jose
K-5 Childhood Development Center, Koblerville
Pretty Market, Garapan
Seaside Market, Garapan
Yuujin Store & Snack Bar, Gualo Rai
Happy Noni restaurant, Gualo Rai
Chinen Ice Candy, Garapan
Golden Harvest Int'l School, San Jose
New Fina Sisu Mart, Fina Sisu
Dae Jung Kum Restaurant, Susupe
Zebra Club, Garapan
Rising Supermarket, Koblerville
Club Mermaid, Garapan
ABC Store (701 & 702), Garapan
Capitol Hill Market/Butcher, Capital Hill

GRADE "B"

Pretty Night Club & Restaurant, Garapan
YZL Retail Store, San Antonio
Royal Sourcing Fast Food, Chalan Kanoa

GRADE "C"

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Ex-cashier allegedly stole $17K from Hyatt vault

Police arrested Tuesday afternoon a former cashier of Hyatt Regency Saipan in Garapan for allegedly stealing $17,000 cash from the hotel's vault.

Police served Benedicto Dirking Lizama of As Matuis with an arrest warrant for theft.

Lizama, 20, was taken to Superior Court yesterday for his initial court appearance. His bail was set at $20,000 cash.

Police detective Catherine B. Pangelinan stated in her report that Lizama confessed that he took $17,000 from the vault in February 2014 to have it changed at a bank and that it was stolen from his car when he went inside McDonald's in Garapan.

Pangelinan said that, according to the hotel's credit manager, Lizama was not authorized to take money from the vault to the bank.

Investigation showed that a police officer was sent to Hyatt on June 20, 2014, after the hotel's director of finance reported that money worth $15,999.75 was missing from the general cashier's fund inside the main vault.

Lizama, who was then the only person in charge of the vault, told the police officer that he took the money from the vault in February 2014 to have it changed at the bank.

Last Friday, Pangelinan said, the hotel's credit manager appeared at the Department of Public Safety's Commonwealth Bureau of Investigation to follow up on the case.

The credit manager provided police with a copy of Hyatt's change fund receipt agreement between the hotel and Lizama. In that agreement, Pangelinan said, Lizama acknowledged that he is not allowed to bring money from the hotel to the bank.

Pangelinan said she and another detective met with Lizama on Monday at Pau Pau Beach and brought him to Commonwealth Bureau of Investigation for interview.

Pangelinan said that on their way to CBI, she read Lizama his Miranda rights, and that he then confessed taking the money from the vault to change it at Bank of Hawaii.

Pangelinan said Lizama claimed that he went inside McDonald's and left the money inside a Hyatt brown bag on the passenger seat of his vehicle.

Lizama said that when he returned to the vehicle, the bag that contained the cash was already missing. He claimed that he forgot to lock the car's door and that he did not report the incident to the police or his manager.

The hotel's credit manager said she is the authorized person to fax the bank to get the exact amount of change needed, then G4S guards would pick up the money from the bank and escort the money to Hyatt.

Lizama was soon terminated from his work at Hyatt, *Saipan Tribune* learned. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Survivors, caregivers support meeting today

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association monthly support meeting on Thursday, July 24, 2014, starting at 5:30pm at Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. To RSVP or for more information, call CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com or cca@ccamarianas.org. ***(CCA)***

Happy Hour fundraiser at 360 Restaurant today

Rota-raised Zhee Frazier has been chosen to attend the Movement Lifestyle LAtitude Dance Academy this October in Los Angeles, California. To raise funds for her upcoming trip, Frazier will be having a Happy Hour fundraising today, July 24, 2014, at the 360 Restaurant in Susupe. There will be unlimited appetizers, raffle prizes, and entertainment from various local artists. Tickets are $25. Contact Frazier at 785-2031 for more details. ***(PR)***

2 law students provide voluntary clerkship service to NMI Judiciary

Each year the CNMI Judiciary invites law students from across the nation to serve as summer law clerks and experience firsthand the inner workings of the judiciary by assisting the justices and judges with research and writing.

One of two interns the Supreme Court welcomed this summer, Tom P. Mitsch, said, "I come from Apple Valley Minnesota and in the fall will be starting my second year of law school at the University of Texas. The orientation of my studies is toward business law and I expect to do firm work after graduation, or perhaps work as a Judge Advocate General for the Navy or Air Force."

Speaking about his impression of the Marianas, Mitsch said: "In addition to the natural beauty here, I have found the island inhabitants to be friendly, welcoming people content not to do things in needless haste. We have both enjoyed the hiking, swimming, and trying the native cuisine. I am pursuing my diver's certification."

The second law clerk intern, Anthony E. Garcia, said of his background, "California is home, but I am an incoming third-year law student at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. I am trying to experience a wide variety of law studies, including trademark law. Saipan provides a great break from the hustle and bustle of our nation's capital, and I would consider coming back to Saipan to practice law after graduation."

JIM STOWELL

Anthony E. Garcia, left, and Tom P. Mitsch are summer interns of the Judiciary.

Garcia explained their daily work routine: "We perform research and writing assignments for the clerks of the Supreme Court, and have worked to help update the court's records of rules and procedures and had the opportunity to attend post-argument discussions held among the justices. We also assisted with the Judiciary's recently completed Summer Pre-Law Program."

Speaking of the interns, Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro said, "They have provided valuable assistance to our work, [and] we're greatly appreciative their having come out to the Northern Mariana Islands during the summer break in their studies." ***(NMI Judiciary)***

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Accountant
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Accounting with at least 3 years work experience in financial management for a logistics/supply chain business or agency operations. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system, freight forwarding, shipping and logistics systems. Must have expertise with MS Excel, Word and Power Point. Must be able to work under time pressure and can work flexible hours.

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July 24, 2012

Manglona dismisses another lawsuit vs federalization

The federal court has dismissed a local businessman's lawsuit to stop the implementation of the federalization law in the CNMI, saying it lacks jurisdiction on the matter. In an order issued Friday, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona dismissed Joaquin Q. Atalig's lawsuit because he lacks standing. "Atalig lacks standing because his complaint is a generalized grievance insufficient to show an injury in fact," said Manglona in her eight-page decision and order. The judge said that Atalig fails to allege any injury peculiar to himself. Atalig, though counsel Joseph E. Horey, filed the lawsuit against President Obama, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, State Secretary Hillary Clinton, U.S. Labor Secretary Hilda Solis, and U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder. Atalig wants the court to declare the Consolidated Natural Resources Act (federalization law) to be lawfully unenforceable and that its implementation and enforcement is valid and lawful only with the consent of the people of the CNMI.

New local law gives $15K in poker fees to Rota patients and programs

Acting governor Eloy S. Inos signed into local law a measure that appropriates $15,000 in poker machine fees to Rota patients, scholars, and other programs and services. House Local Bill 17-84, Substitute 1, introduced by Rep. Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota), is now Rota Local Law 17-21. Santos, in an interview yesterday, said she's grateful for the acting governor's signing of the bill into law "because it will be a big help to terminally ill and dialysis patients who have been waiting for their allowance." Under the new law, $6,300 is appropriated for 14 Rota dialysis and terminally ill patients at $450 each for April 2012. Some $2,700 will be for nine dialysis and terminally ill patients at $300 each for April 2012. The Rota Municipal Scholarship Foundation, pursuant to Rota Local Law 17-2, will get $1,500 under the newly signed local law.

NMI to Air Force: Use Tinian as divert airfield

The CNMI government has submitted its formal comment to the U.S. Air Force on a draft environmental impact statement, encouraging the use of Tinian as the preferred site for an alternate airfield in the event that access to Guam's Andersen Air Force Base is limited or denied. The Air Force, in its draft EIS, identified Saipan as the "preferred Alternative 1" and Tinian as "preferred Alternative 2" for a divert or contingency airfield. Acting governor Eloy S. Inos, as acting chair of the CNMI Military Integration Management Committee, told Air Force Capt. Rebecca Heyse that the CNMI is supportive of the U.S. military and openly endorses a robust military presence in the CNMI. He said the CNMI looks forward to hosting the Air Force's proposed divert activities within the CNMI. Inos also said the Commonwealth understands the Air Force's environmental analysis and sensitivity to the financial implications and rationale on selecting Saipan as the preferred alternative.

Trench Tech trainee wins Hyatt's 10K run

Visiting boxer Daniel Ramirez continued to impress the local running community as he won another race here, ruling the 10K event in last Saturday's Hyatt Run For A Cause. Ramirez completed the race from Micro Beach up to Beach Road (across Hakubotan) and back in 40:59, way behind his best time (27 minutes plus), but it was enough to beat local favorite Michael Mancao and 18 others. It was Ramirez's second win in a local race, as he also topped the 19th Annual Tom Picarro "Silver Streak" Memorial Fun Run last month. "I knew I would not be able to beat my PBT, as I rarely run here, but my legs still have the power to run 10K and have a decent time. I just paced myself during the race and fortunately I won again," said Ramirez, who is from Nevada and has been on Saipan since last month training with Trench Tech. The 19-year-old Ramirez, who beat Mancao in the Silver Streak, led last Saturday's race right from the start and was already past Café at the Park and nearing the side entrance of Hyatt Regency Saipan when his closest pursuer-Sean Smith-made his turn at the Garapan Fire Station.

Ethnic groups are sought for Int'l Festival of Cultures

The Marianas Visitors Authority is inviting all ethnic groups to participate in the International Festival of Cultures slated this September. Ethnic group representatives are urged to contact the MVA before July 31, 2014, to sign up.

"We've had several organizational meetings already and are excited about what the festival is going to offer our visitors, a chance to experience the entertainment, crafts, and cuisine of our many cultures in the Northern Marianas," said MVA acting managing director Martin Duenas. "In particular, we are seeking participants from the island cultures of Micronesia to join our organizing committee."

Duenas clarified that participating groups would not be required to engage in all activities—performance, crafts, and food sales—every week if their resources are limited, but should plan to have at least one type of activity every week. The festival will be held every Saturday evening at Paseo de Marianas on Saipan and will celebrate the cultural diversity of the Northern Mariana Islands, with special emphasis on the indigenous cultures of Micronesia.

Representative groups may contact MVA Community Projects specialist Ryan Calvo at rcalvo@mymarianas.com or 664-3210 for more information. The last day to sign up to participate is July 31, 2014, by 5pm.

The festival will include food sales beginning at 5pm and live cultural entertainment from 6pm to 11pm. Admission is free. ***(MVA)***

4 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged the Smiling Cove Marina, Sugar Dock, CK District 2 drainage, and the San Antonio Lift Station, all on Saipan, and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

GPPC Inc.

(06) Accounting Technician: $6.00 - $8.25/hour
College graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as an Accounting Technician. Capable of performing combined routine calculations, posting, and verifying duties to obtain primary financial data to maintain accounting records. Able to check the accuracy of figures, calculations, and postings; pertaining to business transactions recorded by other workers.

(04) Architectural Drafter: $5.60 - $9.00/hour
College graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as an Architectural Technician. Capable of preparing detailed drawings of architectural/structural features of buildings, as well as, drawings and photographic relief maps used in civil engineering projects, such as highways, bridges, and other public works. Knowledgeable on building materials, engineering practices/mathematics used to complete drawing drafts.

(09) Auto Body Repairer: $5.60 - $7.00/hour
High school graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as an Auto Body Repairer. Knowledgeable on repairing, refinishing automotive bodies, and straightening vehicle frames.

(35) Carpenter: $5.60 - $8.50/hour
High school graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as a Carpenter. Knowledge on how to construct, erect, install, and repair structures and fixtures made of wood; such as, concrete forms, building frameworks(partition, joist, studding, & rafters) and wooden stairways, windows, door frames, and hardwood floors.

(12) Civil Engineering Technicians: $6.75 - $8.25/hour or $1,300.00 - 1,400.00/month
College graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as a Civil Engineering Technician. Capable of applying Theory and Principles of Engineering in planning, designing, overseeing construction, maintaining structures and facilities under the directions of engineering staff or physical scientist.

(03) Construction Manager: $2,100.00 to $2,700.00/month
College graduate or with a minimum of 5 years experience as a Construction Manager. Knowledge on how to plan, direct, or coordinate, through subordinate supervisory personnel concerning activities regarding construction and maintenance of structures, facilities, and systems. Participate in the conceptual development of project construction and oversee its organization, scheduling, budgeting, and implementation. Include managers in specialized construction fields, such as carpentry or plumbing.

(02) Construction Superintendent: $2,100.00 to $2,500.00/month
College graduate or with a minimum 5 years experience as a Construction Manager. Knowledge on how to plan, direct, or coordinate, through subordinate supervisory personnel, activities in regards to construction and maintenance of structures, facilities, and systems. Participate in the conceptual development of a construction project and oversee its organization, scheduling, budgeting, and implementation. Include managers in specialized construction fields, such as carpentry or plumbing.

(18) Electrician: $5.60 - $7.50/hour
High school graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as an Electrician. Knowledgeable on how to install, maintain, and repair electrical wiring, equipment, and fixtures. Ensure that work is in accordance with relevant codes. May install or service street lights, intercom systems, or electrical control systems.

(02) Electrical Engineering Technician: $6.00 - $8.00/hour or $1,300.00 - 1,400.00/month
Test or modify developmental or operational electrical machinery or electrical control equipment and circuitry in industrial or commercial plants or laboratories. Usually work under direction of engineers or technologists.

(05) General Maintenance: $5.60 - $6.25/hour
High school graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as General Maintenance. Knowledgeable on how to install equipment.

(25) Heavy Equipment Mechanic: $5.60 - $8:25/hour
High school graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as Heavy Equipment Mechanic. With knowledge on how to diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul mobile mechanical, hydraulic, and pneumatic equipment, such as cranes, bulldozers, graders, excavators, trucks and conveyors, used in construction.

(01) Housekeeper: $5.55 - $6.50/hour
Perform any combination of light cleaning duties to maintain private households or commercial establishments, in a clean and orderly manner. Duties may include making beds, replenishing linens, cleaning rooms and halls and vacuuming.

(40) Heavy Equipment Operator: $5.60 - $8.00/hour
High school graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as H.E. Operator. With knowledge on how to operate several types of power construction equipment, such as motor graders, bulldozers, trenching machine, scrapers, compressors, pumps, derricks, shovels, tractors, or front-end loaders to excavate, move, and grade earth, erect structures, or pour concrete or other hard surface pavement.

(10) Truck Driver: $5.60 - $8.60
High school graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as a truck driver with knowledge in driving a factor-trailer combination or truck with a capacity of at least 26,000 GVW, to transport and deliver quarry materials, heavy equipment's or material in liquid, loose or packaged form

(40) Mason: $5.60 - $7.50/hour
High school graduate with a minimum 5 years experience as a Mason. Must be able to smooth and finish surface of poured concrete, such as floors, walkways, tile settings, brick lying, sidewalk, roads or curbs using a variety of hand and power tools. Align forms for sidewalks, curbs or gutters; patch voids and use saws to cut expansion joints.

(10) Painter: $5.60 - $7.50/hour
High school graduate with minimum 5 year's experience as a Painter

(10) Plumber: $5.60 - $7.50/hour
High school graduate with minimum 5 years experience as a Plumber.

(2) Sheet Metal Worker: $5.60 - $7.00/hour
High school graduate with minimum 2 years experienced as a Sheet Metal Worker. With knowledge on how to install pre-fabricated sheet metal ducts used for heating, air conditioning, or other purposes.

(16) Steel Worker: $5.60 - 7.50/hour
High school graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as a steel worker with knowledge on how to raise, place and unite iron or steel girders, R columns and structural members to form a completed structures or structural frameworks. May erect metal storage tanks and assemble prefabricated metal buildings. Position and secure steel bars or mesh in concrete forms in order to reinforce concrete. Use a variety of fasteners, rod-bending machines, blowtorches, hand tools, and rod busters.

(35) Welder: $5.60 - $7.50/hour
High school graduate with a minimum 2 years experienced as a Welder. With knowledge on how to install prefabricated sheet metal ducts used for heating, air conditioning, or other purposes.

(02) Electrical Engineers Technicians: $6.75 - $8:50/hour or $ 1,300.00/month
College graduate with minimum of 5 years experience as a Civil Engineering Technician plumber with knowledge on how to apply Theory and Principles of Civil Engineering in planning, designing and overseeing construction and maintenance of structures and facilities under the directions of engineering staff or physical scientists.

(6) Auto Electricians /Electric Motor Re-winder: $5.60 - $8:00 per hour
Must have at least 5 years work related experience. Must be able to diagnose and undertake electrical repairs on a wide variety of vehicles, heavy equipment and plan. Must be knowledgeable on electric motors, alternator, starter motor re-winding. Perform duties and responsibilities with less supervision.

(2) Diesel Fuel Injection Pump Technician: $5.60 - $6.75/hour
Must have at least 5 years work related experience. Knowledge on repairing Diesel Fuel Injection components, pumps, injectors and turbochargers.

Interested applicants must be able to work flexible work hours and may apply at GPPC Inc. Office, located at As Perdido, Saipan. A copy of Police Clearance must be attached to the application. Incomplete application will NOT be accepted. Skills testing may be required. Closing date will be on July 26, 2014.

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L&T Group of Companies, Ltd. is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

Management Accountant (2)
College degree with accounting or financial management major and 5 years of progressive financial management experience. Minimum of 3 years experience in analyzing, interpreting and providing sound financial information. Must be adept in monthly financial statement preparation and consolidation, cash flow forecasting, budgeting, and providing financial projections. Must have excellent communication, organizational and self-management skills. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) system and Microsoft Excel, Power Point and Project. CPA not required.

Housekeeper (6)
Knowledge of the structure and content of the English language including the meaning of words and rules of composition. Must have at least 3 years working experience. Dependable attendance, hard working and follows directions well. Important qualities: detailed oriented. Must pay close attention to detail. Interpersonal skills. Must get along well with people they provide services for and must be polite and friendly. Physical stamina. Must be able to spend many hours on their feet scrubbing, bending, stooping, and stretching and must be able to lift or move up to 50 pounds. Must be able to work flexible hours and days.

Accountant (3)
Associate's Degree in Finance or Accounting with at least 3 years work related experience in financial management and/or payroll and general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivables and payable management. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system and MS Excel, Word and Power Point software. Must be able to work under time pressure and must work flexible hours. CPA not required.

Business Development Manager
Graduate of a 4-year degree course with an Accounting or Financial Management major and at least 5 years of progressive financial and business management experience. Minimum of 3 years general management experience preferably in a financing or banking institution. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills. Must be proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) software and Microsoft software. Should possess a solid track record of accomplishing business objectives.

Accounting Manager
College degree with financial management major and 5 years of progressive financial management experience. Minimum of 3 years experience in directing the preparation of financial reports and implementing cash management activities. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills to manage people. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) system and Microsoft software.

Accounting Supervisor
A Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a focus in accounting and/or finance. 2-3 years of progressive responsibility supervising a minimum of 3 associates. CPA/CPA candidate a plus. Audit experience also preferred. Must have knowledge with the use of SAP R3 FICO System and SAP Fixed Asset Module. Microsoft Office proficiency with advanced knowledge of Excel is a must.

Administrative Assistant (5)
Associate's Degree with 2 years experience of administrative and clerical procedures and systems such as word processing, managing files and records. Must be proficient in typing and good at written and oral communication. Must be able to consistently demonstrate good customer service and interpersonal skills at work. Must be available to work on weekends, holidays and weeknights. Proficient in MS Office including Word, Excel and Outlook.

Messenger (2)
High school graduate. Must be able to keep track of multiple documents and itemize. Dependable attendance, hard working and follows directions well. Good oral and written communication skills and good driving skills are required. Must provide and maintain own vehicle for work and have a valid driver's license. Must be available to work early mornings, late nights and weekends.

Administrative Assistant for Sports Facilities
High school diploma or GED Certificate plus experience working in sports organization or sports facilities. Must be computer literate: Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook. Applicant must have good written and oral communication skills. Can work flexible hours and available on weekends, holidays and weeknights.

Air conditioning & Refrigeration Mechanic
Associate's Degree or Vocational School graduate. Must have at least 2 years experience installing, servicing, and repairing air conditioning and refrigerating systems in residences and commercial establishments. Must have his/her own reliable transportation and must be able to work flexible hours.

HR & Administrative Assistant
Associate's Degree. Must have knowledge of principles and procedures for personnel recruitment, selection, benefits and personnel information systems. Ability to work in confidential related matters, self-directed and be able to multi-task in a fast paced environment. With a minimum of 2 years work experience in an administrative role and accounting experience. Proficient in MS Office including Word, Excel and Outlook.

Vice President
Graduate of a 4-year degree course with a minimum of 8 years of professional progressive management experience and at least 4 years of general management experience in property management, tourism and/or hotel management. Knowledge of lease negotiations plus financial and quality management is required. Must have a solid track record in accomplishing business objectives.

Electrician
High school diploma or GED certificate. Must have at least 2 years experience installing, maintaining, and/or repairing electrical wiring, equipment, and fixtures. Must have knowledge of electrical codes, intercom and electrical control systems. Must be able to work flexible hours.

General Maintenance Worker (10)
High school diploma or equivalent with at least 3 years experience especially in equipment and appliance repair. Must have some basic knowledge and troubleshooting experience in plumbing and electrical systems, masonry, carpentry, and other cleaning and general maintenance work inside and outside facilities. Must be able to lift and move heavy supplies and objects. Must be willing to work flexible hours.

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Associate's degree in any computer science, information engineering or other computer technology related areas. Must have at least 5 years of sound experience in local and wide area networks management and administration including system configuration, setup, troubleshooting, planning, designing, implementation, and user support. Must have knowledge in MS Exchange Email Server.

Engineering Manager
Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering with at least 5 years of progressive management experience. Ability to successfully develop, implement and manage projects including the ability to provide effective leadership is a must. Adeptness in cost estimation and knowledge of quality control and federal regulations in environmental and occupational safety hazards is required. The duties of this job require constant outside travel and exposure to outside weather conditions. Must be able to provide his/her own transportation and must have a valid driver's license.

Sales Officer
Associate's Degree in Sales or Marketing and at least 3 years work related experience are required. Must have his/her own reliable transportation. Must be able to meet monthly sales targets and have extensive contacts in various industries. Must be able to prepare management and sales reports and is proficient in various MS office software operations. Can work flexible hours. Must be available to work on weekends, holidays and weeknights.

Legal Secretary (2)
Associates degree and at least 2 years work related experience in a legal office. Proficient in case and document management software, Microsoft Office Word, Excel, Power Point and Outlook. Familiar in preparation and filing of pleadings and legal documents.

Corporate Paralegal Officer
Bachelor's degree in paralegal studies or in any related field. Minimum of 3 years experience providing sound legal research, reliable litigation support and preparation of legal documents, pleadings and contracts. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills. Familiarity with Lexis - Nexis and Pacer - ECF is required.

IT Manager
College degree with a major in computer science, computer technology or information engineering or other related areas is required. At least 5 years of progressive management experience and 8 years of sound and all-around IT technical experience is required. Must have well-developed written/oral and management skills and with a strong background in all IT hardware, software and communication business requirements.

Computer Technician
Associate's degree in any computer science, information technology or other related areas. Must have at least 3 years of sound experience in electronics and communication systems with emphasis on the repair of computer equipment and installation of telephone cables/systems. Must be knowledgeable in different software applications and in hardware troubleshooting. Must be able to work flexible hours.

Graphic Designer
Associate's degree in Fine Arts, Graphic Design or other related areas. Minimum of 3 years work experience in creating graphics to meet specific commercial or promotional needs. Proficiency in Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator and Adobe InDesign is a must. Strong organizational and self-management skills, including the ability to multi-task and prioritize are required. Can work flexible hours, depending on demand.

Programmer Analyst (2)
Associate's degree in computer science or computer programming and at least 3 years of work-related experience in a professional Microsoft Windows environment. Strong practical knowledge in relational databases management particularly in midrange RDMS environment such as SQL server. Knowledge in windows-based and web-based programming is a must.

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Americans should recall nation's immigrant roots

Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!
—Emma Lazarus

Even as those words were engraved on a plaque within the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty in 1903, many Americans didn't believe in them. Consequently, more than a century later, it's no surprise to find neo-nativists who feel no sympathy for thousands of Central American children who found their way to this country by dubious means.

These would-be protectors of America's borders are outraged that children from El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala were allowed by their parents to make the treacherous trek alone. They refuse to connect the dots to the Irish, German, Italian and other children who, 100 years ago, traveled alone across an ocean to be met by distant relatives, if that, in a new land where they did not speak the language.

That similarity doesn't excuse the Central American children's violation of U.S. immigration laws. It does mean they shouldn't be treated like refuse to be quickly thrown back into the maelstrom from which they tried to escape.

These children came to this country for the same reason their predecessors did a century ago: to have a chance at a better life. And rather than being a political asset for Obama, they have given him a headache. They can't stay here illegally, but they can't be deported quickly. Obama must ensure their safety until they are returned to their families.

Fortunately, not everyone is trying to use the crisis to score political points. Two Texas legislators, Republican Sen. John Cornyn and Democratic Rep. Henry Cuellar, are sponsoring a bill to change a 2008 human-trafficking law that makes it more difficult to deport Central American children who enter the United States illegally by requiring full immigration hearings beforehand. There is no similar requirement for children from Mexico.

It would be something if this bipartisan effort became a catalyst for congressional approval of a full-scale overhaul of the nation's immigration laws. But don't hold your breath. Politicians' inability to reach consensus on the issue is a reflection of their constituents' struggle with it. People are concerned about the illegal routes that thousands of immigrants—adults and children—take to get here.

Their concern is justified, but they need to understand that immigrants, especially young people, can become hardworking, taxpaying citizens who will help ensure this nation's future. Most immigrants would prefer not to break the law. Many would gladly choose to cross the border legally if Congress changed the laws to give them better alternatives. Instead of demonizing immigrants, let's heed Emma Lazarus' words.

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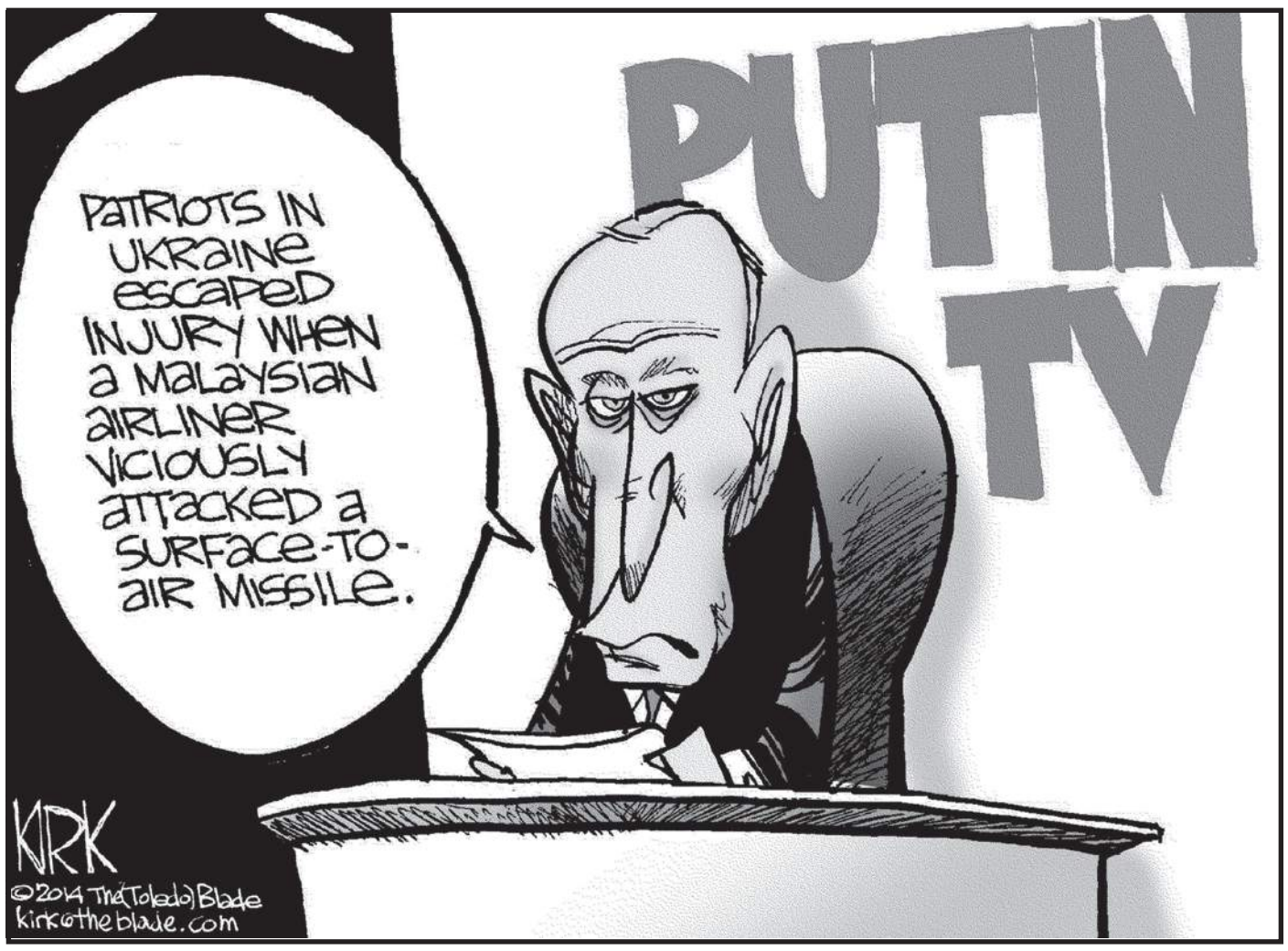
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Canola and rapeseed

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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I asked my seatmate in the bus to Edmonton, Alberta, last week if the yellow field abundant by the highway was planted with "rapeseed." I was told it was "Canola," the rich vegetable oil with a healthy dose of Omega-3 widely used for cooking.

From the fields in Manchuria toward NE Nei Menggu, I saw the same type of fields covered with "rapeseed" but I kept my mouth shut while I Googled the subject (yes, the bus had WiFi). Sure enough, the oil comes from the seed, Canola being a brand name for "Canada oil." Our thought now is about the oil and the seed.

I am using this innocuous subject to get me past the month of July. The first of August is a significant turning point in my journey, and since evidently the Canada portion held more tales of recall and tales of encounter simply by proximity to brain wave than anything else, I thought I would close the month with its mention. It also gives me one more stroke at the recently completed journey and farewell to North America.

But first, the oil. There is the edible oil for cooking, Canola from the rapeseed. It is abundant in Alberta's agricultural prairie. The other is the subterranean oil, evident as pumps seen from the highway brought out the fluid fossil fuel in fields around Red Deer.

The Athabasca tar sands (diplomatically referred to as oil sands) are now subject of international debate; a pipeline to transport the liquefied gas to Nebraska is the subject of concerted protest among environmentalists. But as my host, a retired Pinay Med GP in Edmonton, opined, the oil sands are in demand and if one was going to mine and process it, "it might as well be conscientious Canada."

Some might consider the lady delusionary given Canada's track record on copper mining, but there is no question about the strength of her convictions. Nor do 80 percent of the folks I talked to at the local parish in Calgary where I attended Mass who are employed by one sector or the other of the energy industry have any doubts about the reputation, integrity, and reliability of their employ.

But the planting of seeds in Alberta is more focused on the business of Agrium (the chemical inputs like fertilizers, insecticides and pesticides into the commercial growing of field plants); the growth of rapeseed proliferates. Also, of hay that feeds the cattle and horses, and other exotic animals in ranches (e.g., elk and bison) and farms, recently on display at the Calgary Stampede grounds. The bales of hay lie under the summer sun in the fields, and Alberta this season is adequately watered and gets enough sun to make this year's growth a bumper crop. Ag in Alberta in 2014, compared to drenched Saskatchewan and Manitoba, will be a good year.

But like the drenching of Manitoba, the planet is undergoing a major shift in global climate that began more than a decade ago. Weather patterns are shifting so much that there was one day when it was warmer in Alaska than it was in Alabama. "Weird and unusual" has suddenly become "casual and normal" as the flooding in South China and Manitoba, and the drought in California and British Columbia strike different parts of the world that had not been the focus of such weather extremes before. But even the familiar ones, like Typhoon Rammosun in the Philippines and Hainan, came with Mama Gaia's vengeance this week.

Back to Alberta's oil. Sympathetic to our GP friend's sentiment that conscientious Canada can responsibly handle oil harvests, there is, however, a larger picture on oil drilling, petroleum production, and gas distribution that has been the province of corporate management not previously known for environmental friendliness nor distributive justice.

All of this is nothing but mental masturbation without the urgency of challenge in our individual lives. We used the Canola and the rapeseed obviously as a metaphor for our dependence as a society on fossil fuel for power, and the need to seed our future with alternative sources of energy.

I encourage the use of hydrogen, now commercially viable as supply and demand increases. In Canada, I learned of the auto industry's efforts to stamp down electric cars since it revolutionized production methods that threatened existing industry.

The production of photovoltaic cells has been a source of tension between China and U.S., with the U.S. charging China at WTO of trade practices inimical to U.S. interests. The WTO recently handed a ruling exonerating China of alleged illegal protection of the nascent industry. Oil is not abundant in China, so harnessing a free resource like the sun comes naturally. Hydropower and biomass are also in the running, along with wind and ocean wave turbines.

The point is that the technologies that do not endanger the life of a planet whose holding capacity now exceeds by more than half its innate regenerative power are present and affordable. Albertans need to go beyond the comfort of familiar fossil fuel extraction, of crude oil, natural gas, and oil sands, to be the Canada of ethics and conscience it claims itself to be.

I shall make it my role to remind them of their choice and story.

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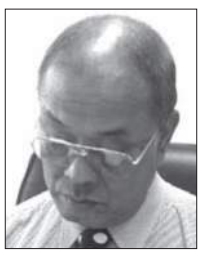

`Nai malagnos gaseta na 90 pot sientu gi estudiante ti mapasa i sensura gi NMC gi alacha hana` chatsagayu` sa` oppan na guaha seriosu na problema gi sisteman edukasion publiku guine.

Gi ti mapot na manera, umanog ginen sensura na seriosu probleman niha ayu siha na estudiante gi bandan numeru yan letra. Este na resutta debi todus i ti fumatinas u fan mañule` klase (remedial courses) siha gi NMC estake mapasa. Soluke mapasa `nai siña man-mañule` klasen dipotsihe eskaleran yan estudiun kolehu. Pot un` añu na tiempu siempre umachule` klasen remediu.

I chinatsaga un` dañkulun diskuidu gi PSS. Gastu ni sumen guaguan sa` debi uma`usa fondun kontribusion tax ni manana`e PSS pot para edukasion estudiante siha. Pa`gu, debi umarepite estudiun niha poku mas o`menos un` añu na tiempu.

Seriosamente, debi umaketuñgu` ni PSS manu sessu `nai gaige finatsu. Kau i problema gaige gi kualidat maestro ni tinatitiye ni chatseguru na kualidat finana`gue? Kau man-mamuebe este siha na estudiante sin kabales sensura na matuñgu` leksion niha?

Namatman sa` mamamaisen ta`lu i PSS subrida ginen fondun iya Marianas. Ti siña hu sapotta ennau na diniseha estake mana` klaru, segun i sensuran estudiante gi NMC, manu `nai gaige defektu. Hafa motibu na magagagau mas fondu yan kau para nesessidat estudiante pat hatsadan sueddu gi sentru na offisinan i PSS? Debu uma`oppe este na kuestion!

Taya` hatsada pot 20 años

Mesñgon i natibu gi ridondun potput halom tanu` sapet ni pinilakes diskuidon man-ma`gas. Pot 20 años na tiempu taya` hatsadan sueddu. Gi mismu sakudida mañgahulu` todo presiun nesessidat familia gi katkuet birada. Ti mapot este makatkula.

Pot ihemplo: Gi kada pesu ni un` gana nasuha ochenta sientimos ($.80). I sesepbla na benti sientimos i sueddomu gi halom mattirun este na ekonomia. Akomparasion masimientu i hatsada ni inaminasa seriosamiente gi kinahulu` presiun todus nesessidat familia.

Este na mattiru kabales ha konfitma i mampos chafleg na ekonomia-ta. Kuestion: Hafa man-mapetsige siha para uma-adelanta linala` i publiku kume satban maisa siha gi halom mattirun yan miserapble na lina`la`? I ma`utut pagamientun man-ritirau 25 pot sientu mas kumonfitma chinafleg ekonomian i tanu`.

Hafa na mas chafleg i linala` i publiku di mas mohon de uma`adelanta dispues de anunsiun kumahulu` numeron turista siha? Unu, taya` komprendiyon yan husgau na planu. Otru, lache na asuntu marikononose gi numeron turista.

I dichu kuestion: kuantu gi humalom na gastun bisita guine humanau guatu gi kahan iya Marianas? Yangin figu` adelantun numeru pues debi u achafigu` yan i marikokohe na moneda. Fabulas de chispas este na numeru! Dispues, debi u guaha otru planu para siakassu na lotgun ya mayamag i mampos paska na industrian turista. Estague` i dichu asuntu ni sige ha` ta letke pot ginagu`! Para esta ñgai`an na tiempu?

Inebaluan Kandidatu

Guaha umatrebigue` fumaisen-yu` sapottasion. Hu tampan ñaihon para bai` li`e kau fitme layag galaide`ña para pagyun mattiempu yan mattiru.

Hu puge kuestion pot haf` kinemprendeña i mas seriosu na probleman iya Marianas. Listu ha oppe na i ekonomia. Hu faisen kau gai planu satbasion. Ha oppe lau mampos abarambau. Ha kehayen maisague` ni atotganteña ni mamatmos gi halom fache` gueku. Gatdun gi halom atrebidu na maña ya ni mona ni tatte. Hu utut i konbetsasion.

I puntu gi kuestion ni hu faisen pot para bai` ke li`e kau ha komprende haf` i publiku sumasapet pa`gu. Kau magahet na parehu na sapatos ha `u`usa yan man-otdinariu yan mamobple gi señgsoñg siha. Trabiha mamaya` hinassoña ya mampos apattau yan probleman i tautau siha. Hu dispacha sin ditension.

Lamegai parehuña gi halom hagas yan nuebu na tropan kandidatu. Sige hu analisa fino`ña. Puru ineppen chanseru. Na`mase` i publiku yangin para bai` entrega ha`aniña gi un` petsona ni ti tumuñgu pinadesen publiku ni finañagun diskuidu. Makat giya guahu para bai` fama un` kandidatu ni abarambau kinemprendeña pot asuntun linahyan.

Gi chinatsagan tiempu

Hayu-hu areglu yan fitme na otganisasion piot gi asuntun linahyan siha. Kumeke ileghu na debi u guaha planu haf` para umachogue. Gi hilu` ennau na planu, debi u klaru haf` siha para u fan machogue papa` pot para ta komple i planuta. Presisu na u guaha chachalaña ennau na planu.

Cha`mu sañgañgane-`yu' na un` sapopotta mauleg na ekonomia, edukasion, hinemlu` yan otru siha asuntun publiku. Tunog papa` ginen kabayumu ya un` esplika taimanu para un` komple planumu. Munga mafa`yu` inosiente ya para un` dispachan insuttu-yu` ta`lu gi hilu` dinage. Man-ansias ham kumetuñgu` kau magahet na un` komprende i asuntomu pot linahyan.

Esta man-fatigau i tautau ofresimientun na`tatah ni mamatmos gi halom sisonyan gueku na promesa! Presenta dibuenamente planu-mu ya ta pesa kontra haf` tinate-mu deste edukasion yan ekspiriensia. Yangin fatsu tinatemu, maulegña boluntariamiente un` deskansa. Nahoñg esta tropan gueku na "biba" gi plasan publiku.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The better choice

The casino construction hasn't even begun and already there is a problem. I still think that two casino would be better. And since they voted for one, why did they choose Best Sunshine over Star Marianas? Why are they investigating their background only? Why didn't they ask them for their plan and question the outcome of it? Shouldn't you ask what they planning to do and how we are going to benefit from it?

Why not Star Marianas, who is operating a casino already, has experience in building a casino, and already has the manpower? The criminal or illegal issue is fixable and it was not major issue. Your consultant is the issue. Wonder if they know what they are talking about? I mean, why didn't they ask about their plans and question what is the outcome? Why no research to educate us more about a successful casinos industry? What plan did they use that was successful and how did they make it successful?

Knowing their plans ahead can help us determine if the outcome is good or bad. So, now that you know, prepare and report your answers to those anti-casino supporters. Yes, we appreciate your concern in paying us the refunds and the interest as soon as possible, but our future outcome is more important, because it will affect us all and if we don't plan ahead, we might crash.

This choice shows that those commissioners are biased against the casino development on Tinian. This also indicates greed for power. Wrong choice. Don't you know that working as team build a stronger power? Either those consultants are ripping us off, or our commissioners are playing games again like little kids.

My father was a brilliant economist. All his predictions were accurate. He told me that business becomes successful if one builds a strong team—a team that can be trusted, loyal, and dependable. That means no secrets among them. We as one CNMI should work as a team. If we do this, business would follow.

Right now, I see Best Sunshine could use Marianas Star's help. Recommending these two company to work together might build a better future for us. Also, all those addictions and drugs issues will be fixable if you ask for help from these two company to provide a preventive program funding and trainings to our community. The only problem is this biased unprofessional behavior that scares investors away. Behaving in such a manner is like advertising your childish behavior and unreliable leadership.

Let me ask this now, what plan do you guys have to help Tinian? I mean the Tinian casino is generating revenue, yet if we create challenges, one might close and sue our government. So please grow up and behave like professionals. Show us that we can rely on your leadership. Please think about this before it's too late again.

Winnie Atalig
San Jose, Tinian

Maybe this is why the government is so messed up

It looks like political incest. In the past 36 years, the CNMI House of Representatives has had only nine family-named representatives for 127 House years. That means 41 percent of all House members are from just nine families and they served an average of 14 years each. The other 67 family names in the House served only 179 House years or 59 percent and just 2.6 years each. In the last 36 years in the Senate, only six family names have served for 66 Senate years, or 41 percent, and for an average of 11 years each. The other 28 family names served a total of 96 Senate years, or 59 percent also, and just served for 3.4 years each. Only one family name appears on both lists but if I add middle names, two more will join the list. You see voters, if your country has been messed up for 36 years and you keep electing the same people, from the same families, over and over, and things don't get better, sooner or later you have to assume maybe, just maybe, it's because of the people you are electing, over and over.

Like this guy, Joseph Deleon Guerrero, current Speaker of the House. Here is his Mission Statement, in his own words, not mine. Pay attention to Nos. 1 and 4 because he voted with Inos and the other members on the secret, midnight, casino bills.

1. Promote transparency. People should be able to see what happens in their legislature and be able to have a voice in the decision-making process. To the extent possible, all legislative proceedings including sessions, committee meetings and public hearings should be televised, open to the public, and allow for public comments.

2. Open communication and collaboration. Encourage dialogue and cooperation between members of the House, the Senate, the Administration and the various stakeholders to tackle the many problems we face including our hospital, our high cost of utilities, our retirement program, and the economy.

3. Prioritize and maximize our limited public resources. Support and fund government programs that are vital to generating revenues and the delivery of essential public services. Reduce, consolidate or eliminate programs that are duplicative, redundant, or non-critical.

4. Maintain checks and balances. Exercise vigilance and protect the public welfare against special interests, corruption and abuse of power through legislative oversight and if necessary the employment of legislative powers as authorized under the Constitution.

Every one of you need to go to www.cnmileg.gov.mp and check out every senator and House member to see what their promised "Mission Statement" is. Do not vote for any of them that have lied to your face. It's time for accountability from your elected leaders, not rhetoric. Anyone only representing their family names (relatives) need to be removed. The way to remove them is to only elect people that have shown they truly represents all of us.

Tax beer, sodas and betel nut, or cancel rebates

I know, I know. People have been talking about it for a long time and opponents have practically brought out the machetes in defense of it. Since there is not one statistic, not one single bit of information anywhere, one can only estimate how much is sold in the CNMI every year, but if you add all the ingredients that go into a really good chew, it's got to be $8 million to $10 million a year. Everyone will scream about all the taxes they already pay but in reality, the people of the CNMI hardly pay any taxes at all. If your 1040 CNMI taxable income is $25,000, your tax is only $2,861 if you file as married. You get 90 percent of that rebated, which is $2,574, so you paid $287. Your CNMI tax is 6 percent or $1,500 so you paid $1,787 total taxes or about 7 percent. If you live in Guam your tax would be about $6,500 or about 25 percent. Since no one here, especially those making more than $50,000 a year, want to pay for their government, you need to look at every single possible source of revenue and going after large sale items just makes sense. Besides rescinding the rebates, look at other possibilities. It very well may be that betel nut chewers were instrumental in shooting down the increase in cigarette taxes. Try raising the tax on beer and soda by $25 cents a can, impose a 25 percent tax on betel nut and other ingredients, earmark the tax only for the Retirement Fund, and voila, the Retirement Fund can almost pay the full amount again. Pay now, or pay later, but somebody will eventually have to pay.

Gary DuBrall
Chalan Piao, Saipan

The Weather

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5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼79°	▲88° ▼79°	▲87° ▼79°	▲87° ▼79°	▲88° ▼79°

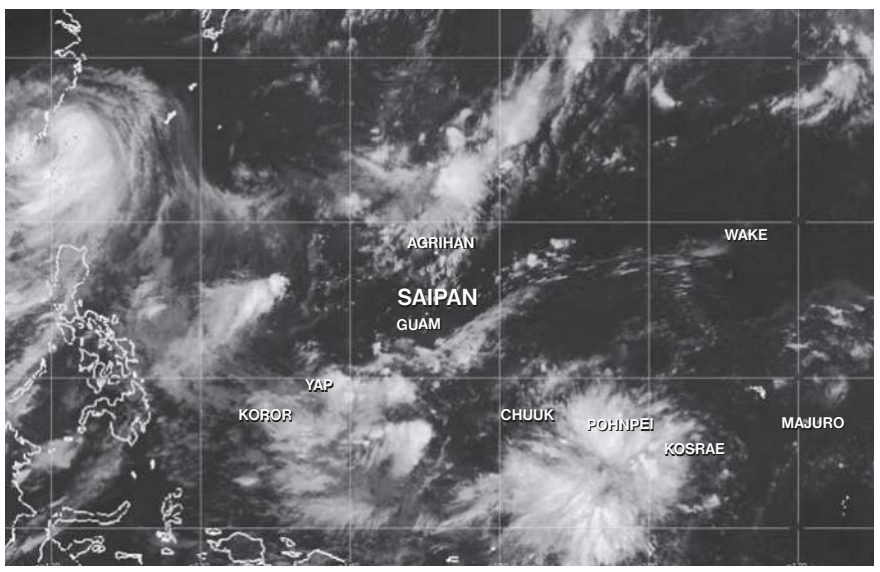
Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲83	▼78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲79	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼80
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲81	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲81	▼79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲81	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲58	▼50
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲93	▼68
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲87	▼81
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼75
London	Sunny	▲81	▼63
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲92	▼69
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼76
Melbourne	Showers	▲57	▼46
Miami	Thundershowers	▲85	▼79
New York	Thundershowers	▲88	▼70
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲90	▼76
Paris	Sunny	▲84	▼66
Pusan	Thunderstorms	▲81	▼75
Rome	Showers	▲81	▼69
Salem	Rain	▲69	▼53
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼57
Seoul	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼72
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲91	▼77
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲96	▼72

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough stretches southeastward from 16N130E through a tropical disturbance centered west of Guam near 13N136E to another disturbance centered west of Chuuk near 6N147E then turns eastward to end near Kosrae at 5N163E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring north of Koror within 70 miles of a line from 13N130E to 16N136E and over Yap state and parts of Palau between 10N and the equator from 135E to 146E farther east. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are observed over Pohnpei and Kosrae states between 8N and the equator from 150E to 164E. A surface trough extends southwestward from 25N150E to 19N145E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found north of the Marianas between 25N and 19N from 140E to 150E. A trade-wind disturbance is generating scattered showers north of the Marshall Islands between 16N and 9N from 169E to 176E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

12:45 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
5:49 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
1:24 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.2 Feet
8:30 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:57 AM	6:50 PM
Friday	5:57 AM	6:49 PM
Saturday	5:58 AM	6:49 PM
Sunday	5:58 AM	6:49 PM
Monday	5:58 AM	6:49 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	3:30 AM	4:38 PM
Friday	4:20 AM	5:25 PM
Saturday	5:09 AM	6:09 PM
Sunday	5:58 AM	6:52 PM
Monday	6:46 AM	7:32 PM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	11:15pm	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	1, 3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764A	3:30am	7:30am	4, 7
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	9:50pm	1, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:30pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
D28009	12:50pm	4:05pm	May 18, 22, 27, June 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29, July 3, 8, 13, 17, 22, 27, 31
UA5039/179	2:30pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:20pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN

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GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763A	6:50pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
MU763	7:20am	3:00am+1	4, 7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
DL172/288	7:55am	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5039	10:25pm	2:00pm+1	6 via GUM
UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	4, 7 via GUM-Rota
UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:35pm+1	4, 7 via GUM-Rota
UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 6 via GUM
UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:20pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5039	11:30pm	2:00pm+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
D28008	6:05pm	1:20am+1	May 18, 22, 27, June 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29, July 3, 8, 13, 17, 22, 27, 31
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5039	9:55pm	2:00pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
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LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air; SYL: Yakutia Air; D: Dynamic Airways; ORB: OREN AIR; D2: Dynamic Air

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House reviews proposed DLNR-Sea Touch submerged lands lease deal

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REPORTER

A proposed submerged lands lease agreement between the Department of Lands and Natural Resources and Sea Touch LLC for a $1.125-million facility for marine animal encounters and associated activities is now before the House of Representatives for review and consideration.

The Legislature has exclusive right to approve, disapprove, or modify the provisions of any development lease or water-dependent use of submerged lands, and all leases are required to be approved by law.

On June 30, DLNR Secretary Arnold I. Palacios submitted to the House and Senate for their review and approval the terms and conditions of DLNR's submerged lands lease agreement for Sea Touch.

Palacios recommends approval of the proposed land lease deal.

Sea Touch plans to invest some $1.125 million for its business, which aims to provide interactive marine activities, marine animal encounters, and associated activities. This will require building a floating dock behind Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan in Garapan that will extend about 140 feet from the shore.

House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) introduced House Bill 18-198, which seeks to approve the lease agreement. He referred the bill to the House Natural Resources Committee for review and recommendation. The committee is also expected to conduct its own public hearings.

DLNR, in its letter to the Legislature, spoke of strong community support for Sea Touch's project "mainly as it provides an opportunity for a novel tourist attraction" in the CNMI.

Palacios said some concerns were raised regarding the project's identified location, wherein Sea Touch Saipan presented findings from assessments leading to the identification of the project location.

"With thorough examination and careful consideration, DLNR finds that the Sea Touch Saipan proposed project will not adversely affect the protection, preservation and uses of marine resources," Palacios told the speaker and Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan).

If and when the House approves the proposed lease agreement, the bill still has to go to the Senate for action.

Kili Café and Terrace to host 'Latin American Kitchen' every Thursday

Starting today, July 24, 2014, Thursday nights will be featuring The Latin American Kitchen—a hot, full-bodied and creative myriad of flavors—all showcased at Kili Café and Terrace.

The Latin American cuisine is comprised of culinary pickings from South and Central America, Mexico, Brazil, Chile, and many more. Guests can expect bold flavors representing that diverse side of the globe especially prepared by Hyatt's skillful culinary team.

A spiced-up buffet of Lat-Am favorites will excite taste buds with the likes of seafood ceviche, grilled steak with chimichurri sauce, a live fresh taco station, churros and tres leches cake. For a limited time, Hyatt invites guests to pair these bold offerings with a free-flowing wine from Chile, Viña Maipo.

The Latin American Kitchen is inspired by one of Hyatt Regency Saipan's recent winnings during the Taste of Marianas—an event hosted by the local visitors' authority in celebration of Tourism Month. Hyatt's team bested other competitors in presenting the most outstanding "Mexican Beef Tacos," taking home top honors in the Chefs' Competition.

The Latin American Kitchen is open every Thursday, and is priced at $40 per person. Club at the Hyatt members are welcome.

THEMED NIGHTS

■ **Monday: Seafood Barbecue**

Every Monday, enjoy a wide selection of grilled seafood items prepared on the open charcoal-fired grill at Kili Café and Terrace. The selection will include parrot fish, squid, jumbo tiger prawns, seafood skewers and much more.

■ **Tuesday: European Fair**

Every Tuesday, Kili Café will feature the subtle and diverse culinary traditions of Europe, including prime rib carving, smoked salmon, assorted sashimi, shrimp, poached terrine, and distinctive European confections.

■ **Wednesday: Cajun and Creole Fest**

The unique flavors of New Orleans take the spotlight every Wednesday night at Kili. Feast on South American barbecue including pork spare ribs, smoked brisket, barbecue chicken, sashimi, baked mussels, lemon-chocolate doberge cake and rice fritters.

■ **Thursday: The Latin American Kitchen**

Spice up your Thursdays with the full-bodied flavors of Latin America. A buffet of Lat-Am favorites will excite taste buds including seafood ceviche, grilled chimichurri sauce, a live fresh taco station, churros and tres leches cake.

■ **Friday: Marianas Barbecue**

Every Friday the buffet will feature the aromas of a wide selection of barbecue items, including Certified Angus Beef® short ribs, Chamorro smoked sausages, reef fish, apigigi coconut cake and much more.

■ **Saturday: Ocean's Bounty**

Every Saturday at Kili Café and Terrace, savor a wide array of seafood featuring salt-crusted Chilean salmon, green mussels, tuna poke, shrimp, oyster, and snow crab legs.

■ **Sunday: Tour of Asia**

Sundays feature the hustle and bustle of Asia in a wide tapestry of south Asian curries, a noodle station, bold Korean flavors, homemade naan bread and Indonesian rice cake selections. Do not miss the special satay station by our very own Indonesian Chef de Cuisine, Sugeng Pribadi featured every last Sunday of the month. ***(Hyatt)***

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High School Diploma, GED or equivalent. At least one (1) year office experience in travel or tour operation or sales or service based work environment. Must be computer-literate and able to speak and write in Chinese (Mandarin) for China market.

Interested applicants may send their applications to hr_ctr@tanholdings.com. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than August 1, 2014. Applications for Employment are available at the Human Resources Department located at the Century Tours Office, Kanoa Resort, Beach Road, Susupe Village. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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Maintenance Manager (1)
Qualifications: High School diploma or equivalent. Minimum of six (6) years experience in hotel maintenance plus 2 years in supervisory level. Able to supervise, manage and coordinate the activities of mechanics, installers and repairers. Good judgment, decision making skills, and time management skills. Prefer some technical courses. Must know how to read floor plan and electrical diagram. Valid driver's license and reliable transportation. Must be able to work flexible schedule including holidays, weekends and nights.

Electrician (2)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. Minimum of five (5) years work experience required. Provide access for future maintenance and avoid unreliable wiring, consistent with verification and electrical codes, and other related duties as assigned. Capable of reading schematic diagram, and electrical symbols, knowledgeable on industrial electricity, circuit breakers, switches and controls. Must to work in a flexible way that allows for changes in assignments and priorities depending upon identified needs of the department. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

International Cook (5)
Qualifications: High school diploma; graduate from independent and vocational cooking schools, professional culinary institutes or a college degree in appropriate field or equivalent. At least three (3) years experience in a five-star Hotel, Club, or Resort. Must be able to prepare, season, and cook a wide range of international dishes such as soups, meats, vegetables, salads, entrees, and desserts in the Resort. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Baker (2)
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. Some previous work-related skill, knowledge or experience preferably in a hotel. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Demi Chef (2)
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent, or postsecondary instruction from vocational schools. Minimum of four (4) years work experience as a Demi-Chef preferably in hotel. Comprehensive knowledge of kitchen hygiene practices and occupational health and safety standards is essential. Supervise and coordinates activities of kitchen operation and personnel. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

A/C Refrigeration Mechanic/Technician (1)
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General Maintenance Worker/Repairer (1)
Qualifications: Minimum of two (2) years work experience as a Handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building or complex with central plant. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Possession of a valid driver's license is essential. Perform work involving skills of two or more maintenance craft occupations to keep machines, mechanical equipment, or the structure of an establishment in repair. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Housekeeper (5)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. Minimum 6 months work experience preferably in a hotel. Must be able to speak and write in English. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Good customer service skills are essential. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Tailor/Dressmaker (1)
Qualifications: Minimum of Three (3) years work experience as a dressmaker preferably in a hotel. Must be able to think creatively. Is able to design, make draperies, repair or fit garments. Must have an interest in fashion, color and style. Must have ability to work quickly, accurately and independently in a fast-paced environment. Able to work a variable schedule on occasion including weekends.

Housekeeping Supervisor (6)
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. A few months to one year of supervisory/managerial capacity, in a five-star hotel, club, or resort. Preferably some basic knowledge of the hotel industry. Must directly supervise and coordinate work activities of cleaning personnel in the hotel. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Night Auditor (1)
Qualifications: College Diploma or Equivalent certificate, in a hotel or resort. Must have at least two (2) years experience in hotel internal auditing. Must be willing to work flexible night duty/graveyard schedule, weekends, holidays and extended work hours. Understanding of business processes and work flow design. Strong financial analytical background and must be knowledgeable on Microsoft office applications and other software are essential. Good communication and interpersonal skills are necessary. Also responsible in handling of company general funds. Ability to pay close attention to detail with a high degree of accuracy, adapt to changes in work environment, work as assignments and/or changes in priorities.

Guest Relations Supervisor (3)
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent training in vocational schools, related on-the-job experience, or an associate's degree in hospitality or hotel management. One to four years or supervisory/managerial capacity, in a five-star hotel, club, or resort. Preferably some basic knowledge of the hotel industry. Must be able to supervise and coordinate the activities of guest relations workers to make sure that guests on vacation or business travel have a pleasant experience, while also ensuring the establishment is run efficiently and profitably. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Wait Staff (19)
Qualifications: High school diploma/GED preferred. At least 6 months serving experience required or 6 months current hosting experience. Restaurant and Beverages experience preferred. Proven knowledge of Micros or equivalent computer software and cash check, credit card handling procedures required. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Guest Services Agent (4)
Qualifications: Must have minimum of 2 years work experience in providing quality customer and personal services. This includes customer needs assessment, meeting quality standards for service and evaluation of customer satisfaction. Must be able to handle customer complaints with efficiency. High School diploma or GED certificate. Must be able to work variable schedule including nights, weekends and holidays. Must have multitasking skills, be detailed-oriented, and be able to solve problems in order to effectively deal with internal and external customers.

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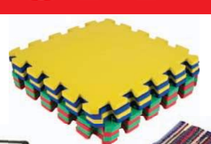

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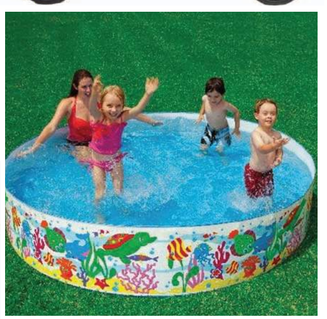

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CNMI Drug Court to focus on long-term rehabilitation

Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro, seated right, and Associate Judge David A. Wiseman, seated left, are joined by other members of the Drug Court team. JIM STOWELL

Associate Judge David A. Wiseman, who has been named the Drug Court judge, announced yesterday the imminent establishment of a drug court within the Commonwealth Superior Court. Two organizational meeting have already been held.

In making his announcement Wiseman said, "There are substantial protocols and procedures that need to be in place in order to become operational; however, it is proceeding at a good pace. Most members of the Drug Court team have undergone off island training in the past, including myself."

Wiseman described the Commonwealth Drug Court as a "specialized, problem solving court that incorporates drug and alcohol dependency treatment with intensive court supervision for qualifying defendants. The Drug Court integrates multiple facets of criminal justice, including prosecutors, law enforcement, probation, public defenders, drug treatment specialists, myself as Drug Court judge, and miscellaneous other specialists, professionals and community participants. The Commonwealth Drug Court is being developed mainly as a response to two drugs that affect an alarming number of families in our community—alcohol and methamphetamines or 'ice.'"

Problem solving drug courts have been established nationwide as an alternative, cost-effective response to the consequences of drug and alcohol abuse after statistics revealed an alarming correlation between crime and substance abuse. Drug courts are a drastic departure from traditional criminal justice in that the approach is non-adversarial and focuses on long-term rehabilitation rather than immediate punitive or retributive punishment. Drug courts incorporate punishment as only one component in a more comprehensive plan that strives to achieve long-term rehabilitation and ultimately, a safer community.

Additionally, the Commonwealth Drug Court will strive to provide influential drug and alcohol awareness for younger generations and to strengthen familial foundations by eliminating the alcohol and methamphetamine abuse within families that is often a prevalent cause of crimes of domestic violence.

Within the Commonwealth, criminal justice agencies are aware of the alarming rise in use of methamphetamines and the inevitable criminal consequences related to the use of the drug. Prosecutors, law enforcement, and public defenders are acutely aware of the effect that the use and addiction of methamphetamines and alcohol have on Commonwealth residents and resulting behaviors of addicts often turning violent.

Drug courts require intensive supervision including frequent, random drug tests. However, they do not incur the expenses associated with reoccurring incarceration for multiple short-term sentences.

The focus of a drug court is for participants who have a history of abuse. It is not meant to be used as a haven for drug manufactures or drug sellers.

The nature of drug court relies upon the cooperation of several different agencies. The Attorney General's Office, the Public Defender's Office, the Superior Court, Probation, Drug Court judge, law enforcement, and the treatment provider all working together for the common goal of helping people recover from substance abuse addictions.

Wiseman noted that "the governor, in his State of the Commonwealth Address, had addressed the need for the CNMI to have a drug court and that the commissioner of DPS has also urged the creation of one. I am confident that their commitment for this highly important government entity to be established will also be accompanied by their support in many ways." ***(NMI Judiciary)***

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

INVITATION TO BID
ITB14-GOV-132

Rehabilitation of the Agriculture Division Office Restroom Facility
Kagman Village, Saipan

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lieutenant Governor Jude U. Hofschneider are soliciting sealed bids for the Rehabilitation of the Agriculture Division Office Restroom Facility Kagman Village, Saipan

The project package will be available Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at the Governor's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A $50.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a **mandatory pre-bid** conference/site visit for this project on Wednesday, August 13, 2014, 9:00AM ChST at the project site, Agriculture Office located in Kagman Village. Bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the project location and current condition. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 PM ChST, Friday, August 15, 2014 to the CIP Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408. All responses to questions should be shared with other prospective contractors.

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB14-GOV-132, Rehabilitation of the Agriculture Division Office Restroom Facility Kagman Village, Saipan"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 9:00 AM ChST Tuesday, August 26, 2014. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 9:00 AM ChST Tuesday, August 26, 2014 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than Tuesday, August 26, 2014 and must be received no later than Thursday, September 4, 2014 ChST. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 AM ChST Friday, September 5, 2014. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will opened at 10:00 AM ChST Tuesday, August 26, 2014.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and

b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash
2) US Government Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is sixty (60) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) one hundred dollars ($100.00) per day, or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by sixty (60) calendar days, the contract time and will be accessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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INVITATION TO BID
ITB14-GOV-133

Renovation of the DPS Division Patrol Office
Susupe Village, Saipan

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lieutenant Governor Jude U. Hofschneider are soliciting sealed bids for the Renovation of the DPS Division Patrol Office Susupe Village, Saipan

The project package will be available Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at the Governor's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A $50.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

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There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference/site visit for this project on Thursday, August 14, 2014, 9:00AM ChST at the project site, Renovation of the DPS Division Patrol Office located in Susupe Village, Saipan. Bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the project location and current condition. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 PM ChST, Monday, August 18, 2014 to the CIP Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408. All responses to questions should be shared with other prospective contractors.

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB14-GOV-133, Renovation of the DPS Division Patrol Office Susupe Village, Saipan".** For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 9:30 AM ChST Tuesday, August 26, 2014. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 9:30 AM ChST Tuesday, August 26, 2014 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than Tuesday, August 26, 2014 and must be received no later than Thursday, September 4, 2014 ChST. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

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2) US Government Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is one hundred twenty (120) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) one hundred dollars ($100.00) per day, or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by hundred twenty (120) calendar days, the contract time and will be accessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

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Business

Protect yourself from identity theft

NEW YORK (AP)—It's an almost weekly occurrence: On Tuesday, Goodwill said its computer systems may have been hacked, leading to the possible theft of customers' credit and debit card information. The nonprofit agency, which operates 2,900 stores in the U.S., said it is working with federal investigators to look into a possible breach.

That follows news over the weekend that Vendini, an event ticketing service, had settled a class-action suit related to a data breach in 2013. For many people who had ordered tickets through the service, an e-mail about the settlement was their first notification that their information had been compromised. In the last year, major companies like Target, LinkedIn, eBay and Neiman Marcus have also been hacked.

The incidents are especially troubling to consumers as online and mobile shopping continues to grow. People aren't likely to stop using their credit and debit cards any time soon, and as data breaches become increasingly common, consumers don't often know what to do when a company they've done business with experiences a breach.

Here are five ways you can avoid becoming a victim of identity theft-even if your data has been compromised.

1 Monitor your bank statements. The easiest and most effective way to make sure someone hasn't made fraudulent charges to your account is to keep a close tab on your bank statements. Gartner analyst Avivah Litan recommends checking at least once a month, if not more, for any suspicious activity. If you find something that doesn't seem right, call your bank right away.

2 Use a credit card, not a debit card. Government regulations protect you from liability for fraudulent charges over $50 when you use a credit card or a debit card with a signature, not a pin number. But if you use a debit card with a pin, the regulations are murkier, and you may end up being liable for some charges.

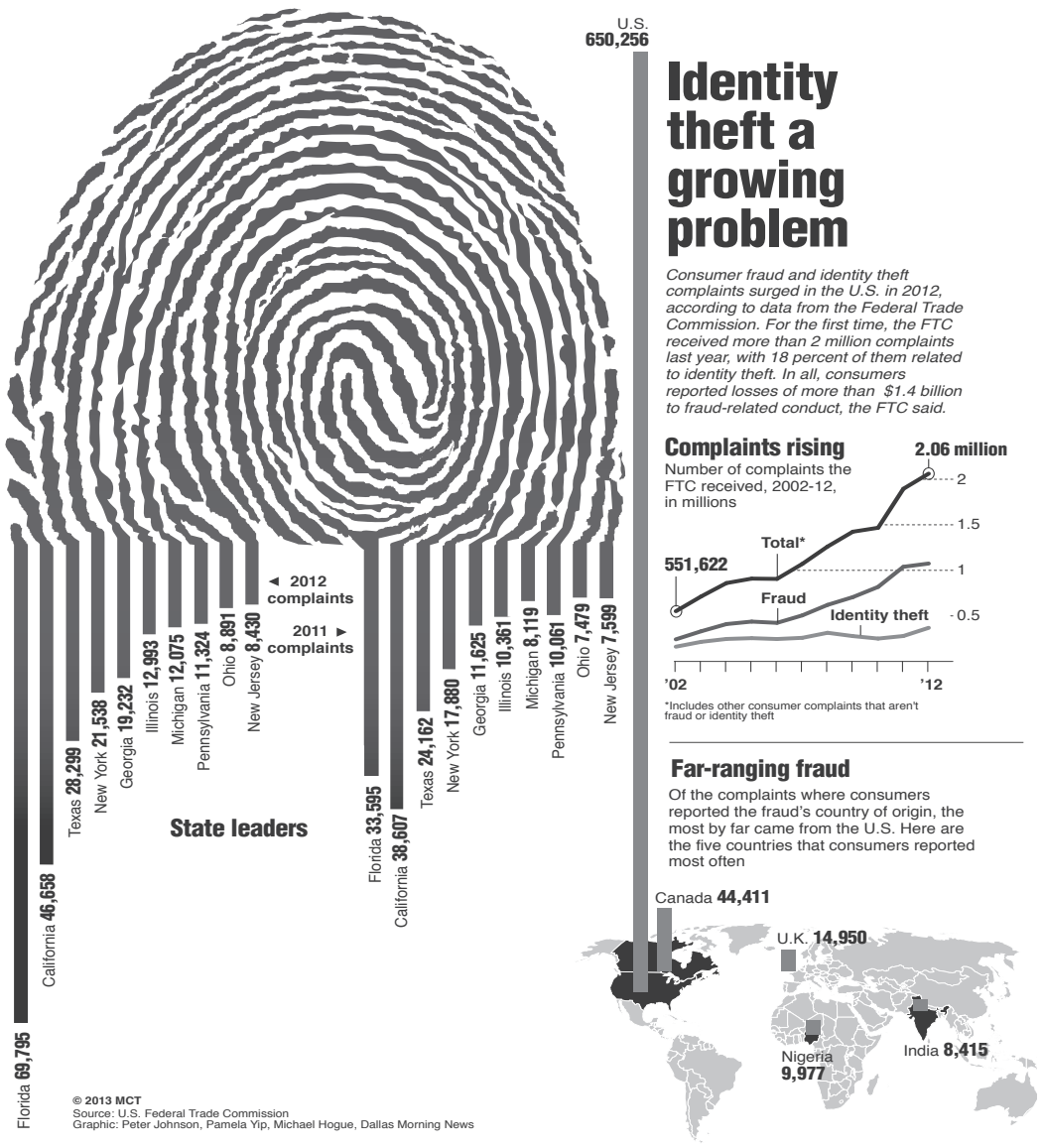
"The best tip to avoid problems on your existing accounts is not to use debit cards, because not only is the credit card law better, but your own money is not at risk with a credit card," says Ed Mierzwinski, consumer program director at the U.S. Public Interest Research Group.

3 Get free credit monitoring. Concerned consumers can pay an organization for credit monitoring, but the government offers three free credit checks a year, something consumers should take advantage of, says Litan. The reports will show if any loans or new credit cards have been taken out in your name. Here's where to find free credit reports: https://www.annualcreditreport.com/index.action

Also, companies that have had a data breach often offer to pay for customers' credit monitoring. Target, for example, offered one year of free credit monitoring, including identity theft insurance, to Target shoppers after its data breach last year.

4 Bank smarter. Many banks offer a service that sends an email alert when any major changes -or charges- are made to a customer's account. The alerts can be very helpful in detecting identity theft. If you want to be extra cautious, don't make money transfers online or pay bills electronically -use a check. "Paper is much more secure," says Litan. Also, experts recommend changing your passwords often. And never use the same password for banking that you use for lower-security websites. Non-banking sites tend to be easier to hack.

5 Don't rely on companies. Vendini, the latest company to report a data breach, on Friday scored a rare settlement for a class-action lawsuit about compromised data. The company, which offers ticketing services for theaters and event venues, will pay out up to $3,000 per customer for identity theft losses, but it will be difficult for people to collect their money, because it is necessary to prove that the information that was used for identity theft came from Vendini. The lesson: don't depend on companies to let you know if your data has been stolen. If you want to protect yourself, it's best to take matters into your own hands.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Identity theft a growing problem
Consumer fraud and identity theft complaints surged in the U.S. in 2012, according to data from the Federal Trade Commission. For the first time, the FTC received more than 2 million complaints last year, with 18 percent of them related to identity theft. In all, consumers reported losses of more than $1.4 billion to fraud-related conduct, the FTC said.
Complaints rising
Number of complaints the FTC received, 2002-12, in millions
2.06 million
2
1.5
1
0.5
Total*
551,622
Fraud
Identity theft
'02
'12
*Includes other consumer complaints that aren't fraud or identity theft
State leaders
◄ 2012 complaints
2011 ► complaints
Florida 69,795
California 46,658
Texas 28,299
New York 21,538
Georgia 19,232
Illinois 12,993
Michigan 12,075
Pennsylvania 11,324
Ohio 8,891
New Jersey 8,430
Florida 33,595
California 38,607
Texas 24,162
New York 17,880
Georgia 11,625
Illinois 10,361
Michigan 8,119
Pennsylvania 10,061
Ohio 7,479
New Jersey 7,599
Far-ranging fraud
Of the complaints where consumers reported the fraud's country of origin, the most by far came from the U.S. Here are the five countries that consumers reported most often
Canada 44,411
U.K. 14,950
India 8,415
Nigeria 9,977
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Source: U.S. Federal Trade Commission
Graphic: Peter Johnson, Pamela Yip, Michael Hogue, Dallas Morning News

Nation

US says Russia 'created the conditions' for shoot-down

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senior U.S. intelligence officials said Tuesday that Russia was responsible for "creating the conditions" that led to the shooting down of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17, but they offered no evidence of direct Russian government involvement.

The intelligence officials were cautious in their assessment, noting that while the Russians have been arming separatists in eastern Ukraine, the U.S. had no direct evidence that the missile used to shoot down the passenger jet came from Russia.

The officials briefed reporters Tuesday under ground rules that their names not be used in discussing intelligence related to last week's air disaster, which killed 298 people.

The plane was likely shot down by an SA-11 surface-to-air missile fired by Russian-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine, the intelligence officials said, citing intercepts, satellite photos and social media postings by separatists, some of which have been authenticated by U.S. experts.

But the officials said they did not know who fired the missile or whether any Russian operatives were present at the missile launch. They were not certain that the missile crew was trained in Russia, although they described a stepped-up campaign in recent weeks by Russia to arm and train the rebels, which they say has continued even after the downing of the commercial jetliner.

Woman has long road ahead after rock attack

DANVILLE, Pa. (AP)—Doctors had a simple goal when they first saw how a football-size rock thrown from an interstate overpass in Pennsylvania had shattered Sharon Budd's skull—to keep her alive.

After nearly two weeks, including a surgery lasting more than 13 hours that involved removing damaged parts of her brain, they are cautiously optimistic.

Screws, bolts and plates now hold together the face of the seventh-grade teacher from Uniontown, Ohio, who was left with a large, gaping wound across her forehead and broken bones when she was struck on July 10.

That's when police say four teenagers—three now charged as adults, one as a juvenile—decided to throw rocks from an Interstate 80 overpass as Budd, her husband and a daughter happened to be passing through central Pennsylvania on their way to see a show in New York.

That first night, surgeons at Geisinger Medical Center did what they could to clean out pieces of her skull that were jutting into her brain. They also removed parts of her intact skull to allow for the swelling they knew would soon follow.

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This undated photo provided by Randy Budd shows his wife, Sharon Budd, a middle school language arts teacher.

"We had to make sure that she was going to survive, that was our immediate goal for the first 72 hours," Dr. Atom Sarkar, her neurosurgeon, said Monday.

The damage destroyed barriers the skull forms that make separate compartments needed to avoid infection of the brain from the nose and mouth.

Doctors also had to use a piece of her skull to fabricate a bridge between her eyes.

Kaylee Budd, one of the Budds' four children, was driving when the rock crashed through the front windshield of their Nissan Rogue.

The college sophomore stopped and turned on the light to see her 52-year-old mother had suffered horrifying injuries. From some 20 feet above, the rock apparently struck Sharon Budd directly on the forehead.

It hit like an explosion, said Randy Budd, who described the injuries as so gruesome that he wasn't sure what he was seeing—blood and possibly brain matter amid shattered glass.

Waiting for help, Kaylee and Randy held Sharon's hands, prayed, did what they could to reassure her and tried to prevent her from rubbing her head wound.

At the hospital, a physician braced Randy Budd for the worst, saying she was perilously close to death and advising him to call loved ones.

"Two gentlemen came up and said: `We're going to do an emergency surgery. Give her a chance to live.' I just signed. Some eye doctors came in and basically said the same thing. I signed," Randy Budd said.

ACROSS THE NATION

New arrest linked to gun used after Boston attacks

BOSTON (AP)—A friend of Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev is believed to have provided the handgun used to kill a Massachusetts Institute of Technology police officer during the manhunt, people with knowledge of the investigation said Tuesday. Stephen Silva made an initial appearance in federal court on charges related to heroin trafficking and possession of a handgun with an obliterated serial number. An attorney for Silva, Jonathan Shapiro, said Tuesday evening that he had received the case only a few hours earlier. "According to news reports, law-enforcement officials say it is the same weapon that was used ... in the MIT officer Sean Collier shooting. However, this has not been charged in the indictment," Shapiro said.

Supreme Court allows Arizona execution to proceed

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—The U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday allowed an Arizona execution to go forward amid a closely watched First Amendment fight over the secrecy surrounding lethal injection drugs in the country. The court ruled in favor of Arizona officials in the case of Joseph Rudolph Wood, who was convicted of murder in the 1989 shooting deaths of his estranged girlfriend and her father. The state plans to execute him Wednesday. Wood, 55, argued he has a First Amendment right to details about the state's lethal injection method, the qualifications of the executioner and who makes the drugs. Such demands for greater transparency have become a new legal tactic in death penalty cases in recent months.

Asia

Malaysian protesters seek justice

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Protesters marched on the Russian Embassy in Kuala Lumpur on Tuesday, waving placards and demanding justice for victims of the Malaysia Airlines flight that was shot down over Ukraine last week.

Several hundred people chanted "We want justice" and demanded that authorities catch whoever was responsible for downing Flight 17 in rebel-held eastern Ukraine, killing all 298 people onboard.

Western countries have accused the pro-Russia separatists, possibly with help from Moscow, of shooting down the plane. The United Nations Security Council unanimously backed an Australian-drafted resolution Monday demanding that the rebels controlling the crash site refrain from compromising evidence.

Tuesday's rally was organized by the youth wing of the United Malays National Organization, Malaysia's largest political party.

A Russian Embassy official said that staff members had been ordered to stay inside the embassy compound. She did not want to give her name as she was not authorized to speak to the media.

One of the demonstrators, Chris Wong, said the protesters were "not accusing anyone" for last week's disaster.

"We want to ask Russia and also Ukraine to cooperate with investigations," he said outside the Russian Embassy.

Russia's ambassador to Malaysia, Lyudmila Vorobyeva, reiterated earlier Tuesday that Russia had nothing to do with the plane crash and pointed the finger at Ukraine.

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Protesters stage a rally in front of Ukraine embassy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Tuesday, July 22, 2014.

Filipino worker beheaded by militiamen in Libya

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A Filipino construction worker kidnapped by militiamen in Libya has been beheaded by his captors, becoming the first Filipino casualty in the renewed violence in the North African state, the Philippine government said.

Department of Foreign Affairs spokesman Charles Jose said the Filipino worker was kidnapped on July 15. He was subsequently beheaded and his decomposed body was found Sunday in a hospital in Benghazi, Libya's second-largest city.

"The vehicle he was riding in was stopped in a checkpoint. There were three of them—a Libyan, a Pakistani, and a Filipino and he was allegedly singled out because he was non-Muslim," Jose said.

The kidnappers initially demanded a $160,000 ransom from the worker's employers. But the abductors called again on Sunday, pointing them to the Benghazi hospital.

Jose said it was possible the Filipino was already dead while the kidnappers were negotiating for ransom.

His family has requested that the worker's name not be released.

Libya is experiencing its worst violence since Moammar Gadhafi's regime was ousted in 2011. Rival militias, largely made up of former rebels, have been fighting for control and sometimes engaged in targeted killings.

The Philippine government is currently enforcing the mass evacuation of around 13,000 Filipinos there due to the increasing violence and lawlessness, the closure of major airports, and the heightened threat to safety, particularly in Benghazi.

"We are calling for total evacuation," Jose added. The government has identified Egypt or Tunisia as exit routes for Filipinos.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Jakarta governor wins Indonesian presidency

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Jakarta Gov. Joko Widodo, who captured the hearts of millions of Indonesians with his common man image, was declared the winner Tuesday of the country's presidential election, calling it a victory for all of the nation's people. A former furniture exporter known to most as "Jokowi," Widodo was the first candidate in a direct presidential election in Indonesia with no ties to the former dictator Suharto, who ruled for 30 years before being overthrown in 1998. "This is a victory for all Indonesian people," Widodo, who received 53 percent of the vote, according to the Election Commission, said in a televised speech. "We hope this victory will pave the way to build Indonesia to be an independent economy."

China braces for 2nd typhoon; Taiwan drenched

BEIJING (AP)—China was bracing Wednesday for the arrival of a second typhoon in as many weeks, as communities along the country's southern coast cleared away debris in the wake of the earlier storm that killed 46 people. Authorities in eastern Zhejiang province, south of Shanghai, ordered fishing boats to return to port and stepped up patrols to watch for breaks in coastal and river embankments, the official Xinhua News Agency said. Typhoon Matmo, with sustained winds of 140 kilometers (85 miles) per hour, was churning northwest toward the heavily populated coast of Fujian province after dumping heavy rains on Taiwan overnight.

Trains collide in South Korea; 1 dead, dozens hurt

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Two passenger trains collided head-on in eastern South Korea on Tuesday, killing one passenger and injuring dozens, officials said. Authorities are investigating what caused the crash, which occurred at about 6 p.m. in eastern Gangwon province, said Nam Young-woo, an official at the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport. A woman in her 60s was killed and 87 people were injured in the collision, Nam and local fire officials said. About 63 passengers were aboard one of the two trains, while around 40 were on the other train, Nam said.

World

Airlines ban flights to Israel

JERUSALEM (AP)—A Hamas rocket exploded Tuesday near Israel's main airport, prompting a ban on flights from the U.S. and many from Europe and Canada as aviation authorities responded to the shock of seeing a civilian jetliner shot down over Ukraine.

Israel declared that Ben-Gurion Airport was safe and said there was no reason to "hand terror a prize" by halting flights.

The rare flight ban came as Israel grappled with news that a soldier went missing after an attack in the Gaza Strip, raising the possibility he was abducted, a scenario that could complicate intense diplomatic efforts to end the two-week conflict.

Palestinian militants have fired more than 2,000 rockets toward Israel since fighting began on July 8, but most—including several heading toward Tel Aviv—fell harmlessly into open areas or were shot out of the sky by the "Iron Dome" defense system, keeping Israeli casualties low.

Tuesday's rocket attack was the closest to the airport so far, said police spokeswoman Luba Samri, and largely destroyed a house, slightly injuring one Israeli in the nearby Tel Aviv suburb of Yehud.

Aviation authorities reacted swiftly. The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration prohibited American airlines from flying to Tel Aviv for 24 hours "due to the potentially hazardous situation created by the armed conflict in Israel and Gaza." Later, the European Aviation Safety Agency issued an advisory to airlines saying it "strongly recommends" airlines avoid the airport.

Germany's Lufthansa, Air France, Air Canada, Alitalia, Dutch KLM, Britain's easyJet, Turkish Airlines and Greece's Aegean Airlines were among those carriers canceling flights to Tel Aviv over safety concerns amid the increasing violence.

AP

Israeli police officers secure a destroyed house that was hit by a rocket fired by Palestinians militants from Gaza, in Yahud, a Tel Aviv suburb near the airport, central Israel, Tuesday, July 22, 2014.

Plane crash bodies removed from war zone

KHARKIV, Ukraine (AP)—A train bearing the dead from the downed Malaysian airliner finally reached Ukrainian government-held territory Tuesday, but the pro-Russian separatists in control of the crash site showed little willingness to allow the full-scale investigation demanded by world leaders.

Five days after the plane was blown out of the sky, refrigerated railcars bearing victims' bodies—gathered up after several days in the sun—rolled out of the war zone and into a weedy railyard in the city of Kharkiv.

The dead will be flown to the Netherlands, the homeland of most of the victims, for identification.

The Dutch government declared Wednesday a day of national mourning as the country prepared for the arrival of the first bodies in the afternoon.

It was unclear how many of the 282 corpses reported found so far were on the train. The crash killed all 298 people aboard Malaysia Airlines Flight 17.

Jan Tuinder, the Dutch official in charge of the international team dealing with the dead, said that at least 200 bodies were aboard the train and that more remains could be found once the body bags are examined fully.

11 parents of Nigeria's abducted girls die

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP)—In the three months since Islamic extremists kidnapped more than 200 Nigerian schoolgirls, 11 of their parents have died, town residents say.

The town where the girls were kidnapped, Chibok, is cut off by militants, who have been attacking villages in the region.

Seven fathers of kidnapped girls were among 51 bodies brought to the Chibok hospital after an attack on the nearby village of Kautakari this month, said a health worker who insisted on anonymity for fear of reprisals by the extremists.

At least four more parents have died of heart failure, high blood pressure and other illnesses that the community blames on trauma due to the mass abduction 100 days ago, said community leader Pogu Bitrus, who provided their names.

"One father of two of the girls kidnapped just went into a kind of coma and kept repeating the names of his daughters, until life left him," said Bitrus.

President Goodluck Jonathan met Tuesday with parents of the 219 kidnapped Nigerian schoolgirls and some classmates who managed to escape from Islamic extremists. Jonathan pledged to continue working to see the girls "are brought out alive," said his spokesman of the meeting which press were not permitted to attend. The parents showed no emotion after the meeting, but some shook hands with the president.

Chibok, the town where the girls were kidnapped, is cut off because of frequent attacks on the roads that are studded with burned out vehicles. Commercial flights no longer go into the troubled area and the government has halted charter flights.

Life & Style

Saipan Municipal Council honors the late Victorino Igitol

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REPORTER

The Saipan and Northern Marianas Municipal Council honored yesterday morning the late Victorino Nekai Igitol for his achievements and accomplishments after over 30 years of service to the CNMI.

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Family members, surviving spouse Alice Igitol (front row, second from right), family members, supporters, and Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council chair Ramon Camacho (third from right, back row) and member Diego Kaipat (fourth from right, back row) join a group photo after honoring Victorino Igitol for his 32 years of service to the CNMI.

The special ceremony was held at the Chalan Kanoa Leadership Memorial Kiosku, with the municipal council presenting a commemorative resolution to Igitol's surviving spouse, Alice, their children, family members, and supporters.

Igitol was remembered as a former Tanapag Village Commissioner during the Trust Territory Administration from 1963 to 1987 and as a civil servant "who served the community" in various other capacities.

"Vic's unselfish interest and dedication in serving his community is demonstrated in the 32-year services rendered to the Tanapag community as its village commissioner," Municipal Council chair Ramon B. Camacho said.

According to Camacho, Igitol developed the Carolinian Affairs Office that helped sustain the cultural heritage of one of the CNMI indigenous groups.

According to long-time friend and supporter Anthony Mareham, Igitol hired him as his consultant to develop and expand the Cultural Heritage Program. He said the program was to intended to help improve the standard of living of Carolinians.

"It was a program to continue the legacy of the Carolinian customs in terms of the values of the Carolinians so [Vic and I] did that," Mareham said.

He said that Igitol and Gordon Marciano also worked together on the Chamolinian Cultural Center, which helped introduce people to the arts and crafts of the local community.

Rep. George Camacho (R-Saipan), who is also a nephew of Igitol, said the resolution is very fitting.

"He did a lot of things for the people of Tanapag and had worked tirelessly to better the community. Uncle Vic did a lot and, without the support of his wife, children, and family, it would've made his job a lot harder," Camacho said.

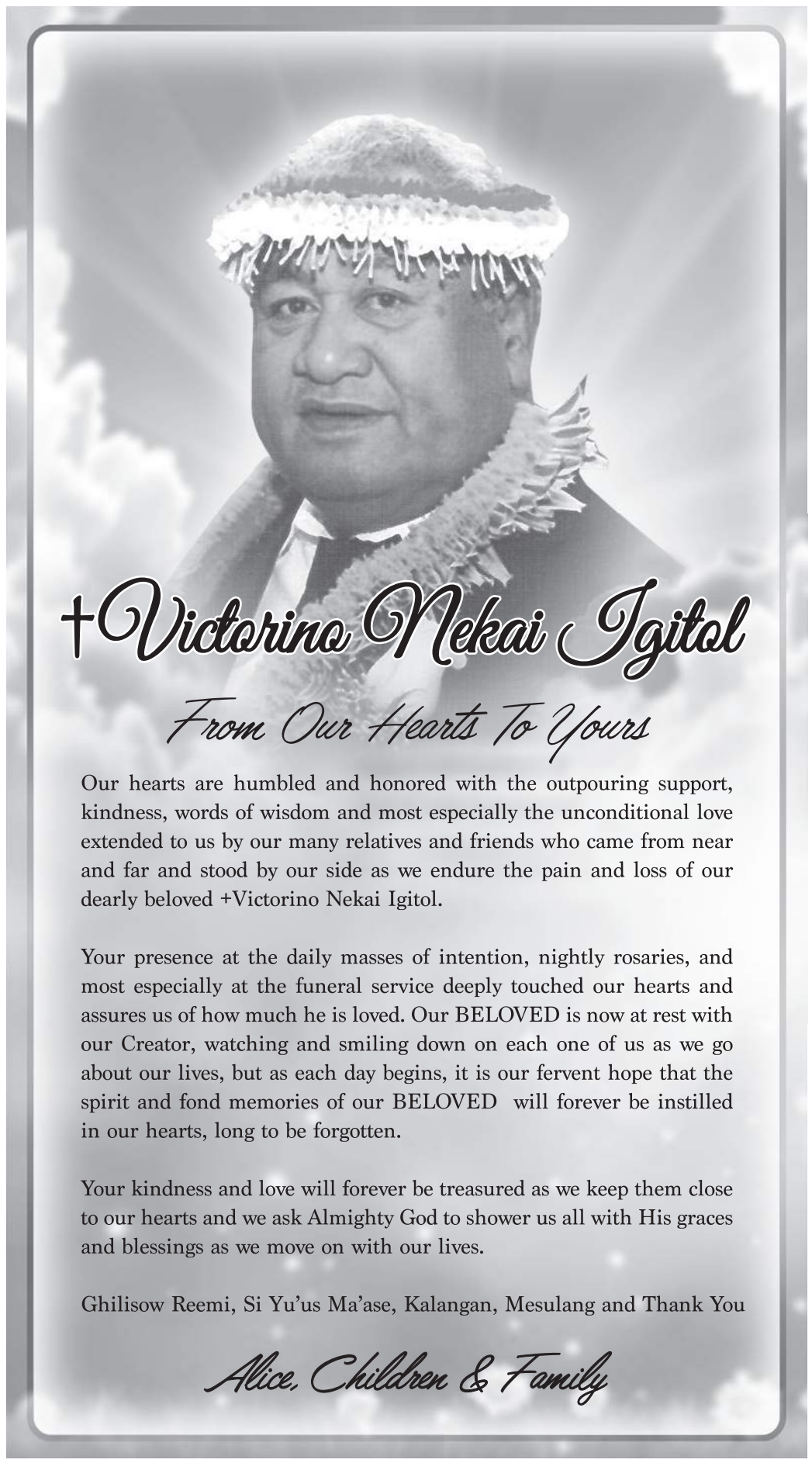
Igitol's wife, Alice, who had tears in her eyes, said she is proud of her husband's achievements and is grateful for the resolution and recognition.

"He loved to help everyone. I encourage all the young generation to be proud of their culture and to do great things for the community," Alice Igitol said.

Vic Igitol passed away on June 17.

Besides being a village commissioner during the Trust Territory Administration, he was also a program director for the Carolinian Affairs Office, researcher for the resources and development committee, a teacher at Tanapag and San Roque elementary schools, and a junior clerk in the mail and file section of the Trust Territory headquarters.

Vic Igitol was also the Aloha Council Committee chairman for Tanapag, Tanapag Parish Council president, Tanapag Headstart vice president, ABC board chairman, CNMI Association of Washington State President board chairman, GPO transition team committee chairman, and member of the Knights of Columbus (4th Degree) in Washington State.


†Victorino Nekai Igitol
From Our Hearts To Yours
Our hearts are humbled and honored with the outpouring support, kindness, words of wisdom and most especially the unconditional love extended to us by our many relatives and friends who came from near and far and stood by our side as we endure the pain and loss of our dearly beloved +Victorino Nekai Igitol.
Your presence at the daily masses of intention, nightly rosaries, and most especially at the funeral service deeply touched our hearts and assures us of how much he is loved. Our BELOVED is now at rest with our Creator, watching and smiling down on each one of us as we go about our lives, but as each day begins, it is our fervent hope that the spirit and fond memories of our BELOVED will forever be instilled in our hearts, long to be forgotten.
Your kindness and love will forever be treasured as we keep them close to our hearts and we ask Almighty God to shower us all with His graces and blessings as we move on with our lives.
Ghilisow Reemi, Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Kalangan, Mesulang and Thank You
Alice, Children & Family

Vine star Mendes finds breakthrough

NEW YORK (AP)—Six seconds isn't a long time, but Vine superstar Shawn Mendes made the time count when posting cover songs on the social media platform.

The teen singer says he would pick the hits he would cover—and the sections of the tracks—and post them on Vine to showcase his talents and grab positive attention.

"You'd think, `I don't understand why the kid has so many followers because it's only six seconds. How are you supposed to know if he's any good at six seconds?' But there's an art behind getting people to be intrigued because you only have six or six and a half seconds to impress people," he said in a recent interview.

Mendes, who will be 16 next month, secured a following on Vine, where he had 300,000 fans awaiting his posts. Record labels caught wind of his strong social media presence.

"Island Records was the first record label to...acknowledge me," said Mendes, who signed with the label. "After that, quickly Republic Records, and then Atlantic Records, Sony Records and Warner Bros. It was all the labels at once. It was absolutely insane like knowing that this many record labels were interested in me."

Mendes

Mendes' strong social media stardom is translating to the pop charts: His single, the ballad "Life of the Party," debuted at No. 24 on the Billboard Hot 100 earlier this month, selling an impressive 148,000 tracks. He has 2.8 million followers on Vine and 1.3 million followers on Twitter.

He will release his four-song, self-titled EP next week and will go on tour with Austin Mahone and Fifth Harmony on Friday in San Antonio.

Mendes began posting clips on Vine last year from his home in Canada, starting with a cover of Justin Bieber's "As Long as You Love Me." His manager, Andrew Gertler, discovered the singer after searching YouTube for covers of A Great Big World's "Say Something." He immediately sent the clip to Ziggy Chareton, an A&R manager at Island Records.

"I never really looked at Vine as a resource to find talent," Chareton said.

"We knew the social following was there, but he had never sold a song before," Gertler added. "Coming to New York and seeing that girls were showing up to his hotel and seeing that these numbers online were translating to physical people was when we were kind of like, `OK, this is getting serious.'"

Chareton said Mendes' sound will echo Ed Sheeran, John Mayer and OneRepublic.

"I want this to be the complete antithesis of Austin Mahone. Even though he's going on tour with him to kind of garner that same demographic and fan base, we want quality records," he said.

Oops! EPA goes off topic, tweets about Kardashian

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Environmental Protection Agency's fight to clean up water pollution got a splash of pop culture Tuesday, thanks to an Internet flub involving reality TV star Kim Kardashian.

The verified Twitter account for the EPA's Office of Water mistakenly published a message Monday night about an online game, "Kim Kardashian: Hollywood," in which players walk red carpets, attend photo shoots and get dolled up like a Kardashian. An agency spokeswoman said the off-topic tweet was done by an intern.

The government's tweet was removed within hours from the @EPAwater account, but not before a tweet from the account of Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., the 88-year-old co-author of the Clean Water Act, poked fun by asking what a Kardashian is.

Dingell's account on Tuesday tweeted: "Staff has now informed me of what a Kardashian is. I'm only left with more questions."

The brief intersection between a celebrity and the federal agency in charge of tackling pollution gave an obscure

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In this May 5, 2014, file photo, Kim Kardashian attends The Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute benefit gala celebrating "Charles James: Beyond Fashion" in New York.

EPA office a surge in popularity. Kardashian's lavish wedding to Kanye West made international headlines, and her show "Keeping up with the Kardashians" has been popular on the E! network for nine seasons.

The agency took the mistake in jest. On Tuesday, the EPA account thanked Kardashian for its 15 minutes of fame.

"Whoops. our bad. Sorry about tweet," the message read. "Upside—more attention for the Office of Water (water.epa.gov), thanks @KimKardashian.

Nathan Lane: Straight actors can play gay roles

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Gay actors shouldn't have a monopoly on gay roles, award-winning stage and screen actor Nathan Lane said.

Lane, who is gay and has played both straight and gay characters, was asked the question at a TV critics' meeting Tuesday. He was there to discuss PBS' presentation of the Broadway play "The Nance," in which he stars.

"We just had 'The Normal Heart' (with) Mark Ruffalo, fantastic job. I think who's right for the part and most talented" should be hired, Lane said. Ruffalo, who is straight, starred as a gay man in the AIDS drama for HBO.

"That way only madness lies. ... I wouldn't have played Nathan Detroit or Max Bialystock" if casting followed such rigid rules, Lane said. He won a Tony Award for his Broadway portrayal of larcenous producer Bialystock in "The Producers" and was a nominee as gambler

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Nathan Lane speaks on stage during the Live from Lincoln Center, "The Nance" panel, at the the PBS 2014 Summer TCA held at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Tuesday, July 22, 2014, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Detroit in "Guys and Dolls."

Lane is an Emmy nominee this year for his guest role as wedding planner Pepper Saltzman in ABC's sitcom "Modern Family."

Hollywood has been criticized for casting white actors as ethnic characters and, as gay characters have become an increasing part of movies and TV, giving such roles to straight actors. "Will & Grace" came under fire for casting straight actor Eric McCormack as a gay man.

"The Nance," which earned Lane another Tony bid this year, is about a gay burlesque performer in 1930s New York. It airs Oct. 10 on PBS' "Live From Lincoln Center" as part of the series 40th anniversary season.

'Downton Abbey' back on Jan. 4 for season 5

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—"Downton Abbey" will be back for its fifth season on Jan. 4, but the return date for another hit PBS series, "Sherlock," is up in the air, PBS chief executive Paula Kerger said Tuesday.

"We will have to wait to know when it's finished and available," Kerger said of the mystery starring Benedict Cumberbatch. "Whenever it comes, we'll put it in a wonderful place."

PBS is making its shows available for flexible viewing, using both digital platforms and creative scheduling on public TV stations, she said. All episodes of Ken Burns' "The Roosevelts," for instance, will be available for streaming the day after the first episode airs on Sept. 14.

Don't expect the same treatment for stately manor soap opera "Downton Abbey."

"'Downton Abbey' will have some surprises in it. I think you know what's going to happen to the Roosevelts," Kerger said.

Other PBS announcements from Kerger:

- "Walt Disney," a four-hour, two-night film about the life and legacy of the entertainment groundbreaker, will air in fall 2015 as part of the "American Experience" series.

- Kristin Chenoweth will serve as host of PBS' fall arts festival featuring theater and music on Friday nights starting Sept. 29. Productions include "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," "The Gershwins' Porgy and Bess," Tony Bennett and Lady Gaga performing on "Great Performances," and the special "Kristen Chenoweth: Coming Home."

- Drama series "Call the Midwife" will return for a fourth season on March 29.

- "The Brain with Dr. David Eagleman," described as a "visually spectacular journey" into the human brain, will air as part of the "Think Wednesday" lineup of science and nature programming in 2015.

George Harrison memorial tree killed by beetles

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A tree planted in Los Angeles to honor former Beatle George Harrison has been killed—by beetles.

Councilman Tom LaBonge says the pine grew to more than 12 feet tall before succumbing to a bark beetle infestation.

The tree was removed last month. LaBonge says it will be replanted in the fall.

After Harrison's 2001 death in Los Angeles, the pine was planted near Griffith Observatory. A small plaque at the base commemorates the guitarist and songwriter, who had a deep appreciation of gardening.

LaBonge says several trees at Griffith Park have been killed by the beetles.

Pat Schroeder: Clinton would face 'subdued sexism'

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Former House Democrat Pat Schroeder predicts that Hillary Clinton would face "a lot of sexism" if she decides to run for president in 2016.

Schroeder served in the House from 1973 to 1997 as the first woman elected to Congress from Colorado. Now 73, she appears in "Makers: Women in Politics," a film airing this fall on PBS.

She was asked about Clinton on Tuesday at a summer TV critics' meeting.

"She's still going to have a lot of sexism," Schroeder said. "I can't believe there's people saying can she still be a grandmother and be a president. There are people making snide comments about her age. It's a little more subdued sexism, but it's very much there."

Clinton, 66, has yet to announce whether she intends to run in 2016. The former first lady, U.S. senator and secretary of state will become a grandmother this year when her daughter Chelsea gives birth.

Schroeder said she believes Clinton would bring a different approach to working with critics than President Obama.

"She understands how mean they are and she understands she's got to come back at them with more force," Schroeder said. "Obama thought he could bring everyone together. That just isn't working in Washington right now."

Schroeder ran for president but withdrew from contention in September 1987. While in Congress, she was the first woman to serve on the House Armed Services Committee.

Guest howls over dog's attendance at wedding

DEAR ABBY: Is it acceptable to bring a teacup-sized dog to a wedding? The excuse was, "Well, the wedding was at the beach." The pre-dinner and dancing were inside a high-end resort on the beach. The dog was taken inside these establishments.

After a guest—a family member of the dog's owner—asked the owner to remove the animal because the occasion was not about her and her dog but the bride and groom's day, the owner put the dog in a carrying case and the dog returned to the wedding for the rest of the night. Only this one couple made an issue of it and they weren't in the wedding party, but relations of the dog owner. What do you think?

DOGGONE DISGUSTED

DEAR DOGGONE DISGUSTED: The rule of etiquette states that nothing should distract attention from the happy couple—and especially the bride—at the wedding. However, IF the dog owner had first asked for and received permission to bring the animal to the festivities, then it wasn't rude and the relatives of the dog owner were wrong to intervene.

DEAR ABBY: We were recently at dinner with longtime friends whose political views are different from ours. I believe in the rule of etiquette about avoiding the topics of politics and religion in mixed company. Well, somehow the conversation turned political. Voices were raised and I stood up and ended it.

There are now many hurt feelings with the parties involved still disagreeing about what happened and how it was handled. I know my actions were extreme, but things were out of control and I was upset. How do I deal with this if we are invited to future events?

KEEPING THE PEACE

DEAR KEEPING THE PEACE: You may be worrying needlessly, because you may not be invited to future events — at least until the next election is over. Whatever your friends were arguing about, while you had a right to speak up and say it was making you uncomfortable, because your reaction was "extreme," you may have been as rude as the others. If you caused hurt feelings that evening, you should apologize, if you haven't already.

DEAR ABBY: A sibling died recently and I have received numerous sympathy messages in the form of cards, gifts and online posts. Do the people who send them typically expect a response? I feel a little overwhelmed with the amount of attention, and I worry that they'll think I'm not appreciative if I don't respond in kind. What is your advice?

GRIEVING BUT GRATEFUL

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR GRIEVING BUT GRATEFUL: Their kindness should be acknowledged. To those who sent gifts and cards, a short note saying how much their support meant during this difficult time would be a gracious response. The online condolences could be handled with one email "blast" conveying the same thing, which shouldn't be offensive to those who sent their sympathy that way.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

HOBBES, LOOK! WE GOT OUR PICTURES BACK FROM OUR JURASSIC TRIP!
OH BOY! LET'S SEE!
WOW, THESE CAME OUT GOOD! LOOK AT THAT APATOSAUR!
THERE'S ME! THERE'S ME!
YES! YES! WE'RE RICH! HA HA! NOW WE CAN GET OUR OWN APARTMENT!
THIS DINOSAUR BLINKED.
I'LL BUY A CAR TOO, BUT SINCE I CAN'T DRIVE FOR ANOTHER DECADE, WE'LL HAVE TO GET A CHAUFFEUR.
IF WE PAY HIM, HE HAS TO LET US SIT UP FRONT AND BEEP THE HORN. RIGHT?

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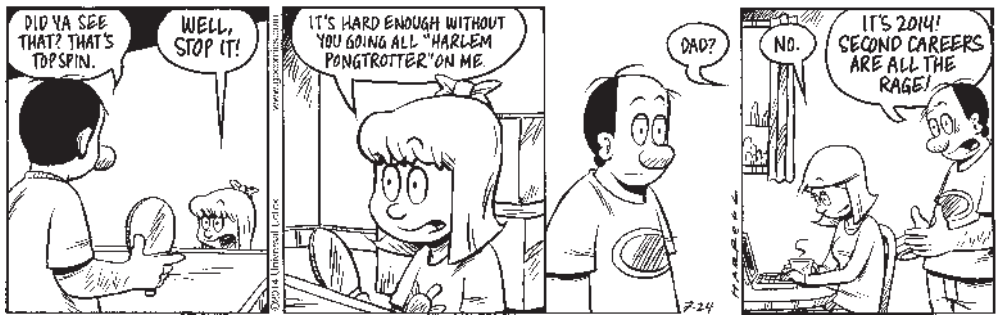
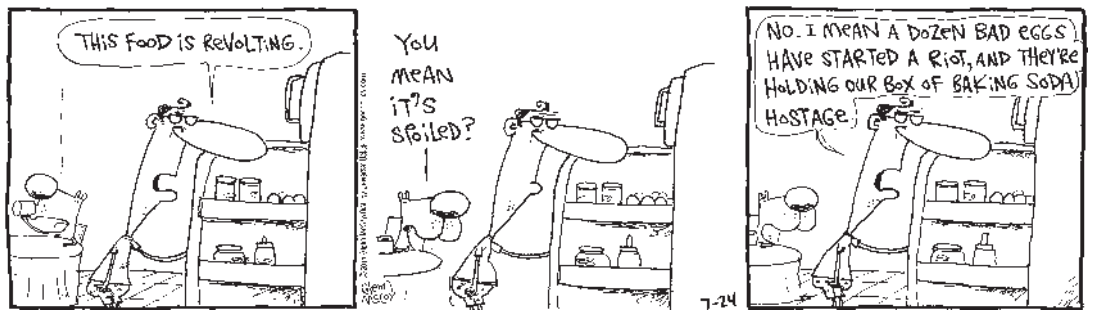
By Bryan Basset


DID YA SEE THAT? THAT'S TOPSPIN.
WELL, STOP IT!
IT'S HARD ENOUGH WITHOUT YOU GOING ALL "HARLEM POWGTROTTER" ON ME.
DAD?
NO.
IT'S 2014! SECOND CAREERS ARE ALL THE RAGE!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy


THIS FOOD IS REVOLTING.
You mean it's spoiled?
NO. I MEAN A DOZEN BAD EGGS HAVE STARTED A RIOT, AND THEY'RE HOLDING OUR BOX OF BAKING SODA HOSTAGE.
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CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Faris or Paquin
5 Showbiz job
8 About aviation
12 Repast
13 Oklahoma city
14 Forehead
15 Bucket
16 Scale member
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18 Razor sharpeners
20 Cambodia neighbor
22 "Let's Make a Deal" host
26 Boutonniere site
29 Joan of —
30 Feathery neckpiece
31 Tyler Perry's "Diary of — Black Woman"
32 Purchase
33 Keep — profile
34 Beleaguered spacecraft
35 "Le Coq —"
36 Strict
37 Merged sitcom family, with "The"
40 Dregs
41 Under the weather
45 Corduroy ridge
47 Actress Ullmann
49 Always
50 Frozen
51 Before
52 Domesticate
53 Solidifies
54 First st.
55 Sufficient, old-style

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2 Spruced up
3 Depilatory brand
4 Permissible
5 Talkative, and then some
6 Altar affirmative
7 Exhibition hall
8 Loathe
9 Penciled-in
10 Marseilles monarch
11 Barn bird
19 Crony
21 Kimmel's employer
23 Pacific island nation
24 Entrance
25 React with ennui
26 Mary's follower
27 Arab chieftain (Var.)
28 Type of parking
32 Luge cousin
33 Jock
35 Go blond, maybe
36 Anat. or biol.
38 Monopoly cards
39 Belly-button
42 Director Reitman
43 "Finding —"
44 Got bigger
45 Peruke
46 Expert
48 Rage

Solution time: 25 mins.

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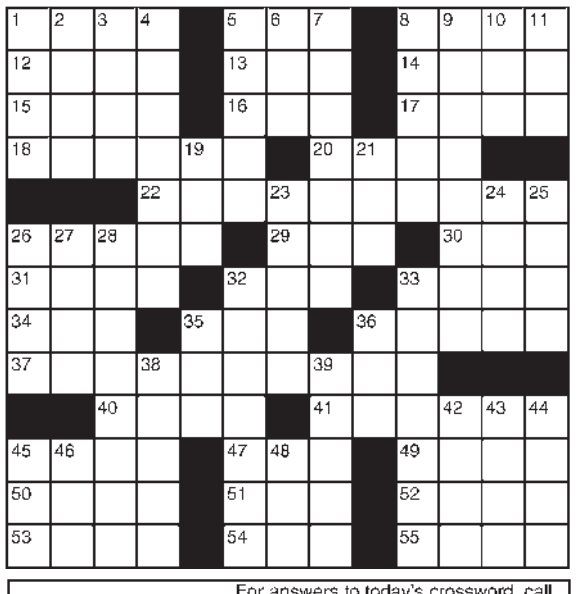
Yesterday's answer 7-24



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Elisabeth Moss, 32; Anna Paquin, 32; Jennifer Lopez, 45; Kristin Chenoweth, 46.

Happy Birthday: Keep a close watch over your personal papers and investments. Problems will arise if you are too trusting or quick to take a risk. Bide your time and consider all the pros and cons that go along with making a move that will affect your current situation financially, emotionally or physically. Protect and preserve what you have acquired. Your numbers are 2, 8, 15, 27, 33, 46, 48.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Keep life simple, uncomplicated and focused. Refuse to let emotional issues stir up trouble at home or at work. Focus on how you can be and do your best. Choose self-improvement over trying to change someone else. ✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Ask questions and you will find solutions. Helping your community or those less fortunate will raise your profile, but don't neglect your home or family in the process. Leave time for romance. It's important to acknowledge what someone does for you. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Show initiative when working alongside others, but don't harness your freedom to be original. Share your vision and you will gain respect and the support you need to bring your ideas to fruition. Don't let a past incident hold you back. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Follow through with an idea you've been thinking about pursuing. Gather information and size up your situation. Make your move based on experience as well as intuition. Keep what you decide to do reasonable and you'll avoid interference. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): You may feel impulsive, but before you make a drastic move, check all the possible outcomes. Someone is likely to withhold information, making it critical that you share your concerns and ask direct questions. Take a pass if uncertainty prevails. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Keep an open mind, but don't feel obliged to give cash to everyone with an open hand. Put greater emphasis on your goals and use your money as a means to set up an incentive that will make you work harder or more efficiently. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): You are best not to share personal information. Work hard and finish what you start. Your reputation should be based on performance, not an emotional situation you are facing or how someone portrays you. Proceed with caution. ✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Back away from anyone putting too many demands on you. Focus on the people, places and things you enjoy most in life and refuse to get dragged into situations that you find unsatisfying. Something or someone unusual will grab your attention. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Secure your money or use it to make changes at home or toward a move you want to make. Change is good and will help you see new possibilities. Don't let someone from a different background lead you astray. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Keep things in perspective and refuse to jeopardize your position to accommodate someone taking advantage of you emotionally, physically or financially. Back away from anyone taking advantage of your kindness. Question other people's motives. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): You've got everything going for you, so don't sit there when you should be making moves that count. Follow through with whatever plans you deem important to your advancement. Do something nice for yourself—you deserve a treat. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Consider your destination. Strategize how to make your journey run smoothly. Include the people you feel can contribute the most. Don't argue with those you have to leave behind. Tough choices will lead to your success. Love is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are clever, inventive and secretive. You are receptive and curious.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 7/24

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

8	1	3	9	2	4	5	6	7
7	2	4	3	6	5	8	9	1
6	9	5	8	1	7	2	3	4
9	7	2	4	3	1	6	5	8
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2	3	8	6	4	9	1	7	5

Difficulty Level ★★★ 7/23

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By DAVID OUELLET

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- In-Service train with Baxter Phoenix Machine
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- Flexible with time schedule

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- Must pass NCLEX-LPN and current CNMI LPN License
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- One to four years hemodialysis experience or related field
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- Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
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- Experience with Ameriwater bicarbonate distribution system
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Interested applicants must submit resume or pick up an application at St. Jude Renal Care Facility, Inc., in Chalan Kiya, Saipan. Deadline to submit an application will be on Thursday, July 31, 2014 by 4:00pm. For more information, please call Judy Arriola at (670) 234-2905 ext. 124.

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Opening date: July 07, 2014 **Closing date: July 25, 2014**

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Employment Application must be accompanied with a copy of all required diploma/certificates and/or official transcripts, original copy of recent police record not more than six (6) months old, original copy of U.S. Department of Defense Form DD214 for retired members or veterans of our Armed Forces, and other documents as required for the position. Public Law 11-70 requires that all male applicants age 18 to 25 years old must submit documentation evidencing his registration with the Federal Selective Service System. All applications and required documents must be submitted to the CPA Administration Office, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. Failure to provide any of the required documents may result in automatic disqualification. Certain vacancies may require written and/or physical test. Selected applicants will be subjected to pre-employment drug screening. CPA reserves the right to waive or implement other qualifications to meet its needs. The deadline for submission of applications and required documents is no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, July 25, 2014.

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Rivers will leave Clippers if Sterling stays

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The interim CEO of the Los Angeles Clippers testified Tuesday that coach Doc Rivers told him he will quit if Donald Sterling remains the owner of the team.

CEO Richard Parsons testified at a trial to determine whether Sterling's wife, Shelly, can sell the team for $2 billion to former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer as the NBA looks to force Donald Sterling from the league over racist statements.

"Doc is troubled by this maybe more so than anybody else," Parsons said about Rivers, who is black. "If Mr. Sterling continues as owner, he does not want to continue as coach."

Parsons said he fears there would also be an exodus of key players, including team captain Chris Paul, who heads the NBA players union.

The judge stopped Parsons from giving an account of his conversations with Paul when an NBA lawyer objected over privacy issues.

Parsons is a former chief executive at Time Warner and Citigroup who took over leadership of the Clippers in May during the media blitz surrounding the banishment of Sterling.

Under questioning by Ballmer's lawyer, Parsons said the departure of Rivers would "accelerate the death spiral" of the Clippers.

"If Doc were to leave, that would be a disaster," Parsons said. "Doc is the father figure, the one who leads."

The discussion of Clippers players and coaches is new territory for the trial that has mostly explored the dealings between the Sterlings.

AP

Los Angeles Clippers head coach Doc Rivers, center, poses with his new players, free agent guard Jordan Farmar, left and center Spencer Hawes, right, during a news conference in Los Angeles Thursday, July 10, 2014.

It wasn't immediately clear what effect the new information might have on the narrow question under consideration—whether Shelly Sterling can sell the team under the family trust.

Messages left for team officials seeking comment from Rivers weren't immediately returned.

Parsons, who is considered an expert in the management of major corporations, said he was certain that big corporate sponsors would pull out and season ticket holders would demand their money back if Donald Sterling remains the owner.

"If your coach leaves, if your players don't want to play with you, what do you have?" Parsons asked. "If your sponsors leave and the fans leave, it's going to spiral down and down."

Parsons also said he doesn't believe that anyone will offer as much money for the team as Ballmer. That opinion was seconded by witness Anwar Zakkour, an investment banker who helped broker the deal for Ballmer's purchase and said he never expected a bid so big.

Explaining why Ballmer would have bid over the value of the team, Zakkour said, "It was a trophy asset."

"This is the highest price ever achieved for a sports team," he said. "However way you count it, this is an amazing price that anyone should be satisfied with."

Parsons and Zakkour said that if the NBA seized the team and put it up for auction, the price would drop because there would be less certainty about the team's future.

Outside court, Sterling's lawyer, Bobby Samini, said the billionaire would persist in his opposition to the sale because "he feels he was wronged" by the NBA.

"He has no desire to destroy the team," Samini said. "He is fighting to protect his rights."

Later Tuesday, Sterling fired off another legal volley, filing a new lawsuit against his wife, the NBA and league Commissioner Adam Silver that alleges fraud, breach of contract, unfair business practices and infliction of emotional distress. He claimed, among other things, that he was tricked into being examined by psychiatrists to establish whether he was mentally competent.

The high-stakes financial fight centers on whether Shelly Sterling was authorized to make a deal with Ballmer on behalf of the Sterling Family Trust.

Outside court, Shelly Sterling's lawyer, Pierce O'Donnell, said Donald Sterling is being driven by "a perverted egotism."

"Right now, we're in the grips of Donald Sterling's craziness," he said.

Pyrenees please Nibali, Rogers in Tour Stage 16

BAGNERES-DE-LUCHON, France (AP)—The Pyrenees on Tuesday lived up to their reputation for causing ups and downs at the Tour de France: A French rider climbed in the standings, an American went down, and an Australian rebounding from an ordeal of doping suspicions won Stage 16 in a downhill breakaway.

Race leader Vincenzo Nibali was still descending from the day's biggest climb, the Porte de Bales, as Rogers crossed and finished 8-1/2 minutes later. But the Italian looks even more likely to win the three-week race on Sunday after keeping pace with possible contenders for the yellow jersey, and gaining time on two others.

One of the laggards was Tejay van Garderen. Unable to keep pace on the Port de Bales, the 25-year-old American was more than 3-1/2 minutes after Nibali. Van Garderen only slipped a spot in the standings, to sixth, but the gap to the rider ahead of him grew. The other laggard was France's Romain Bardet, who finished nearly two minutes back of Nibali.

Thibaut Pinot, however, kept pace with Nibali and replaced Bardet as France's top podium hopeful: He rose to third.

For the second straight year, the race's entree to the Pyrenees has dented Van Garderen's podium ambitions.

''It's definitely disappointing,'' the American said outside his BMC team bus. ''I had high hopes for a podium and now it looks like it's taken a big hit ... I just didn't have the legs, I felt a bit empty.''

''I'm just hoping I can bounce back and have a better day tomorrow.''

A year ago, the Montana native lost more than 10 minutes to the main contenders, including Chris Froome who went on to win that Tour, as they rode up to the Ax 3 Domaines ski station on Stage 8. The year before, in his Tour debut, he lost seconds in the title quest during two Pyrenean stages, but still finished fifth overall and took home the white jersey given to the race's best young rider.

For Rogers, the 237.5-kilometer (147-mile) leg from Carcassonne to Bagneres-de-Luchon - the longest stage this year - was one of vindication and overdue Tour glory. He took a bow as he crossed the line.

''Every cyclist's dream is to win a stage at the Tour de France,'' said Rogers, who also won two stages on Italy's Giro this year. ''I can't describe the joy I felt in the last 500 meters ... I hope I don't have to wait another 10 years to experience it again.''

Rogers came close not to riding in the Giro or the Tour at all.

In a ruling in April, the International Cycling Union accepted that meat Rogers ate in China last year probably caused his positive doping test at the Japan Cup shortly afterward. He convinced the UCI that he had not intended to cheat, and said the episode was ''a very difficult time'' for his family.

Rogers was suspended after that positive test. Underscoring the pressure, Cycling Australia said at the time that it would seek a maximum two-year ban if he had been found guilty of doping.

He knew the effects of clenbuterol, which helps to build muscle and burn fat, on riders' careers. Contador lost his 2010 Tour title and served a two-year ban after testing positive for it in the final week of that race. The Spaniard also argued that ingested it through food, but lost his case.

After the UCI ruling in his own case, Rogers said Tuesday he returned with ''a different outlook on life ... Sometimes you need a lesson in life to see the silver lining in the cloud.''

Seahawks start atop AP Pro32 rankings

NEW YORK (AP)—The Seattle Seahawks start the preseason right where they ended last season, as the No. 1 team in the AP Pro32 NFL power rankings.

In balloting by 12 media members who regularly cover the NFL, the top three teams in the AP Pro32 were the Seahawks, San Francisco 49ers and Denver Broncos.

The Super Bowl champion Seahawks grabbed 11 first-place votes on Tuesday and had 383 points.

"The world champions are still intact and have the ability to repeat, but that's a long way off," said Pat Kirwan of SiriusXM NFL Radio/CBSSports.com.

Their NFC West rival from the Bay Area earned the other first-place vote and had 360 points.

Rick Gosselin of the Dallas Morning News put the 49ers in the top spot.

"The 49ers can run the ball and play defense," Gosselin said. "With Vernon Davis, a healthy Michael Crabtree and the addition of Stevie Johnson, the 49ers should be able to pass it now as well."

The Broncos and New England Patriots, who faced each other in the AFC championship game, followed at No. 3 and No. 4, respectively. Both AFC powers were active in the offseason trying to get an edge on the other.

After getting blown out in the Super Bowl, Denver added wide receiver Emmanuel Sanders to help out Peyton Manning, and DeMarcus Ware, Aqib Talib and T.J. Ward to bolster the defense.

"Peyton Manning isn't going away just yet and the Broncos have enough firepower on offense and some key additions on defense to get back to the big game," Kirwan said.

The Patriots added Darrelle Revis and Brandon Browner to help a defense that lost key starters last season to injury.

"Tom Brady still is plenty good enough to win a championship," Newsday's Bob Glauber said. "Question is whether there's enough around him to give him a chance."

The Green Bay Packers and New Orleans Saints were tied for fifth.

ESPN's Herm Edwards thinks the Packers are a strong favorite to repeat as division champions.

"A healthy Aaron Rodgers along with the running game of Eddie Lacy and the additions on defense, Julius Peppers and Ha Ha Clinton-Dix, is not good for the NFC North," Edwards said.

Alex Marvez of Foxsports.com agreed.

"This looks like Green Bay's best roster since their Super Bowl-winning team of 2010," he said.

The Indianapolis Colts, Philadelphia Eagles, Cincinnati Bengals and San Diego Chargers rounded out the top 10.

Headley wins 14-inning debut with Yankees

NEW YORK (AP)—Chase Headley hustled to New York, eager to help his new team right away. That's exactly what he did —about 4 1/2 hours after pulling on his pinstripes.

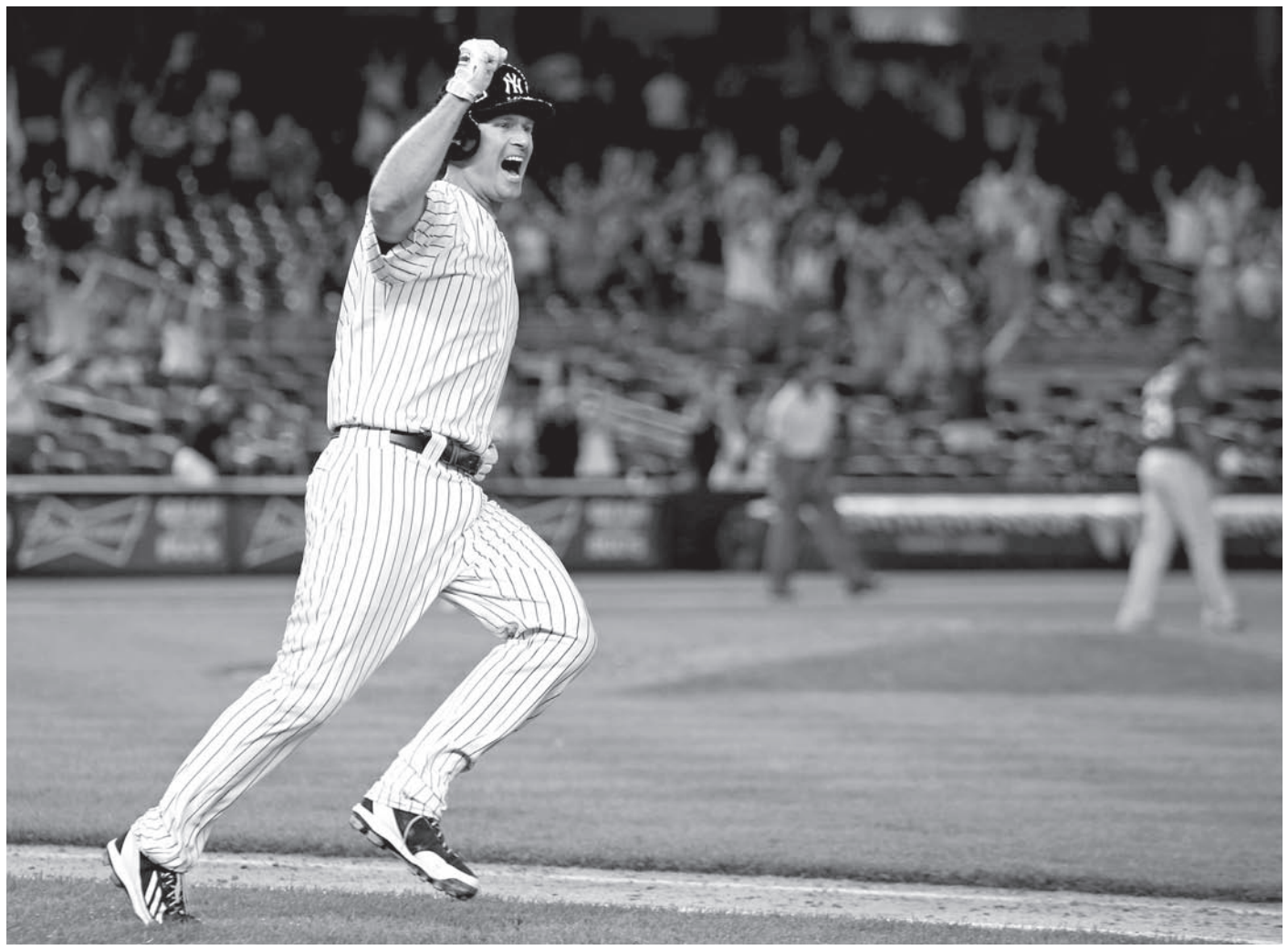
Headley came through with a storybook swing at the stroke of midnight in his Yankees debut, hitting a game-winning single in the 14th inning to give New York a 2-1 victory over the Texas Rangers on Tuesday night.

''A little chaotic. Awesome, though,'' said Headley, acquired from San Diego in an afternoon trade. ''Mixed emotions, but I couldn't be happier.''

Derek Jeter broke Lou Gehrig's franchise record for doubles, and the Yankees won an unlikely pitching duel after rookie starters Chase Whitley and Nick Martinez both entered with a 5.10 ERA.

J.P. Arencibia snapped a scoreless tie with a leadoff homer in the 13th against New York reliever David Huff, but the Yankees responded with Brett Gardner's leadoff double and Jacoby Ellsbury's tying single off closer Joakim Soria in the bottom half.

Most seats were empty by the time Brian Roberts doubled with one out in the 14th off Nick Tepesch (3-6), who threw 99 pitches over 4 1-3 innings during Sunday's start in Toronto. Roberts was held at third on Francisco Cervelli's single before Headley looped a single to left-center just as the clock struck midnight.



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New York Yankees Chase Headley, acquired Tuesday in a trade with the San Diego Pardres, celebrates as he runs to first base after hitting a game-winning, walk-off RBI single to lift the Yankees to a 14th inning, 2-1 victory over the Texas Rangers in a baseball game at Yankee Stadium in New York, Wednesday, July 23, 2014.

Indians 8, Twins 2

In Minneapolis, Carlos Santana homered among his season high-tying four hits and Danny Salazar won in his first start in more than two months as Cleveland topped Minnesota.

Cleveland won for the fourth time in six games since the All-Star break. Minnesota has lost four of five.

Salazar (2-4) gave up one run and six hits in five innings.

Indians closer Cody Allen struck out pinch-hitter Chris Parmelee with a runner on third in a two-run game in the eighth inning before Cleveland scored four times in the ninth.

Twins rookie starter Yohan Pino (1-3) allowed four runs and seven hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Minnesota's Brian Dozier had three hits, including his career-high 19th home run in the seventh inning.

Brewers 4, Reds 3

In Milwaukee, Jonathan Lucroy homered leading off the bottom of the ninth inning to give Milwaukee a win over Cincinnati.

It was Lucroy's second homer of the game and 11th of the season. It was his second career walkoff homer, both against the Reds. His first was last season off closer Aroldis Chapman and this one was off Sam LeCure.

Francisco Rodriguez (4-3) pitched the ninth to earn the victory.

Cincinnati, 0-5 since the All-Star break, brought in LeCure (1-2) to pitch the ninth. His outing lasted just three pitches as Lucroy hit a 1-1 offering inside the left field foul pole.

Blue Jays 7, Red Sox 3

In Toronto, J.A. Happ pitched six scoreless innings for his first victory in three starts, and Dioner Navarro and Jose Reyes homered as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Boston Red Sox 7-3 on Tuesday night.

Reyes and Navarro both connected in the sixth inning as the Blue Jays rebounded from Monday's 14-1 defeat to snap Boston's five-game winning streak. Reyes and Melky Cabrera both had three hits and two RBIs. Cabrera has 14 multi-hit games in his past 30.

David Ortiz hit a solo homer in the eighth, his third homer in two games and the 36th at Rogers Centre, matching Alex Rodriguez for the most by a visiting player.

Happ (8-5) allowed seven hits in six innings to win for the first time since June 26. Brett Cecil got the final out for his fourth save in five chances.

Jake Peavy (1-9) lost for the ninth time in 15 starts and hasn't won since beating Toronto on April 25. He allowed five runs and eight hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Marlins 6, Braves 5

In Atlanta, Jacob Turner allowed two runs in his bid for a permanent return to Miami's rotation as the Marlins knocked Mike Minor out of the game early in their win over Atlanta.

Donovan Solano had a career-high four hits and reached on a walk as Miami took its second straight win over Atlanta. Christian Yelich had two hits and scored three runs.

Turner (3-6), making his first start since June 11, gave up four hits in five innings. He loaded the bases but allowed only one run in the first inning. The other run he gave up came on Justin Upton's third-inning homer.

Steve Cishek pitched around Chris Johnson's leadoff single in the ninth to earn his 23rd save.

Minor (3-6) was rocked in his shortest start of the season, giving up six runs on 10 hits and two walks in three-plus innings. He allowed six runs for the second straight start.

Pirates12, Dodgers 7

In Pittsburgh, Gregory Polanco got out of a slump with a solo home run and a tiebreaking two-run single, lifting Pittsburgh over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Neil Walker went 2 for 4 with his 15th homer and three RBIs. Ike Davis had three hits, including his sixth home run.

Vance Worley (3-1) overcame shaky defense behind him to win for the first time in nearly a month.

Adrian Gonzalez smacked his 15th homer and finished with three RBIs for the Dodgers. Paul Maholm (1-5) took the loss after replacing ineffective starter Josh Beckett, who struggled in his return from a hip injury.

Pittsburgh reliever Justin Wilson was ejected in the seventh after hitting Justin Turner with a pitch after Jamey Wright plunked Pirates star Andrew McCutchen.

Beckett allowed four runs in 3 2-3 innings, three coming on solo home runs by Walker, Davis and Polanco.

Cubs 6, Padres 0

In Chicago, Anthony Rizzo hit two home runs, and Kyle Hendricks pitched seven innings in his return from the minor leagues, as the Chicago Cubs beat San Diego to snap a five-game losing streak.

Rizzo staked Hendricks to a 2-0 lead in the third inning. Four innings later, rookie Arismendy Alcantara and Rizzo hit back-to-back homers off Blaine Boyer for a 5-0 lead. Rizzo became the first National League player to reach 25 homers this season, his career high.

Emilio Bonifacio, Wellington Castillo and Justin Ruggiano had two hits apiece for the Cubs.

Rays 7, Cardinals 2

In St. Louis, For a brief second, Tampa Bay right-hander Jake Odorizzi could swear he was at Tropicana Field.

Odorizzi, pitching 33 miles from his hometown of Highland, Illinois, allowed two runs over 5 2-3 innings and Yunel Escobar highlighted a five-run fifth inning with a two-run double to lead the Rays to a 7-2 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Tuesday night.

It was the Rays' season-high sixth straight win. They have outscored the opposition 36-11 during the run.

Odorizzi, pitching in St. Louis for the first time in his career, had as many as 500 supporters in the crowd of 43,623. The group made plenty of noise for its hometown hero when he left the game.

Orioles 4, Angels 2

In Anaheim,, Miguel Gonzalez took a two-hit shutout into the eighth inning, Jonathan Schoop homered and J.J. Hardy hit two RBI doubles to lead the Baltimore Orioles to a 4-2 victory over the Los Angeles Angels on Tuesday night.

Gonzalez (5-5) allowed two runs and three hits in 7 2-3 innings, including a two-run homer in the eighth by All-Star game MVP Mike Trout after a walk to No. 9 hitter Hank Conger. The Angels' other hits against the right-hander were singles by Efren Navarro in the third and fifth innings.

Tommy Hunter retired Albert Pujols on a grounder for the final out of the eighth and Zach Britton pitched a perfect ninth for his 18th save in 21 chances.

Nationals 7, Rockies 4

In Denver, Adam LaRoche hit a tiebreaking home run in the seventh, Anthony Rendon had three hits, and Washington rallied to beat Colorado.

It was the Nationals fourth straight win, and they increased their NL East lead to two games over Atlanta.

Ian Desmond followed Monday's 5-for-5 performance with hits in his first two at-bats for Washington. He was hit by a pitch in the sixth to reach base safely in eight consecutive plate appearances. The streak ended when he struck out in the seventh.

Nolan Arenado and Corey Dickerson homered for the Rockies, who have lost seven straight and remain tied with Texas for the worst record in the majors.

Before the game the Rockies placed shortstop Troy Tulowitzki on the disabled list with a left hip flexor strain and recalled left-hander Yohan Flande, who started the game.

Diamondbacks 5, Tigers 4

In Phoenix, Aaron Hill drove in three runs and made a game-ending diving stop, Miguel Montero hit a two-run single in the eighth inning, and Arizona rallied for a win over Detroit.

Trailing 3-2 in the eighth, Detroit went ahead on Torii Hunter's two-run single up the middle off Brad Ziegler.

Eury De la Rosa (2-0) got the final two outs in the inning, and Arizona rallied when Phil Coke (1-2) walked two in the bottom half after being hit by a line drive. The Diamondbacks loaded the bases on a two-out walk, and Montero singled up the middle off Ian Krol.

David Peralta tied a team record with two triples. Addison Reed worked around a walk in the ninth for his 24th save.

Giants 9, Phillies 6, 14 innings

In Philadelphia, Brandon Crawford hit a bases-clearing double to break a 14th-inning stalemate, and Tim Lincecum earned his first career save as San Francisco beat Philadelphia.

Crawford snapped a 2-for-22 skid with his two-out hit off the wall in left-center field and finished with four RBIs. Buster Posey, who doubled and scored in the 14th, sent the game into extras with a solo homer in the ninth off Jonathan Papelbon, who blew his third save.

George Kontos (3-0) earned the win for the second straight night. Lincecum, San Francisco's ninth pitcher, got the final two outs for the save. Jeff Manship (1-2) surrendered four runs and lost.

Royals 7, White Sox 1

In Chicago, Mike Moustakas homered twice, Bruce Chen pitched five effective innings, and Kansas City snapped a four-game losing streak by beating the Chicago White Sox.

Moustakas, who has 12 homers this season, went 3 for 5 with three RBIs.

The Royals entered the game with a major league-worst 55 homers and had managed a total of six runs during the skid.

Chen (2-2) allowed one run and five hits in five innings.

Adam Dunn went 2 for 4 with a solo homer for the White Sox, who had won three of four.

Blue Haus, Hawaiian Rock nip foes in Emon Lodge caging

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Blue Haus and Hawaiian Rock nosed out their respective foes in the 2014 Emon Lodge No.179 Basketball League 40 and Above Masters Division last Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

In the first match, Hawaiian Rock pulled off a come-from-behind 76-74 win over PIC Chefs, while in the second game, Blue Haus escaped past Mariana Resort, 63-62. Blue Haus remained undefeated in two games to take the solo lead in the seven-team field, while Mariana Resort absorbed its first loss after winning its first two matches. Hawaiian Rock bagged its first victory after bowing to Blue Haus in the opener, while PIC Chefs fell to a 0-2 record.

PIC Chefs led in the majority of the game and even took a double-digit spread after the first period, 27-17, before falling apart in the fourth canto. PIC Chefs scored only 12 points and had two field goals in the pivotal fourth, while Hawaiian Rock had its most production in the payoff canto, hitting 21 markers. Ronald Abaygar jumpstarted Hawaiian Rock's comeback bid in the final frame, drilling six straight points, while the rest of his teammates took over in the end to eke out the 2-point win. Noel Mateo nailed back-to-back field goals in the closing minutes, while Lilio Tiples and Dela Cruz hit one basket each.

Butch Sublemente and Jun Tabora had one field goal each for PIC Chefs in the fourth-quarter collapse, putting the former's game-high 27 points into waste. Sublemente also finished in twin digits with 13, but had to bleed for points from the foul line in the fourth canto. Rodney Catalla was the third PIC Chefs player to earn double figures with his 17, but was scoreless in the fourth quarter.

Abaygar top-scored for Hawaiian Rock with 18, while Robert Guiang and Jack Palacios added 14 and 11, respectively.

In the second game, Blue Haus stole the win from Mariana Resort in the last seven seconds.

Behinds by only three, 62-59, after the free throw of Mariana Resort's Jessie Stohle was nullified (faking off), Blue Haus pushed the ball quickly with Ernie Moises on the finishing end, converting the game-tying triple, three seconds left on the clock.

Mariana Resort then went for the inbound, but Joseph Galulu's pass hit the back of Blue Haus' Edwin Santos. Santos went on to pick up the loose ball and was fouled by Galulu under the basket. Santos made his first free throw to put Blue Haus on top and intentionally missed the second charity with 1.4 seconds left on the clock, leaving the opposing teams to battle for the rebound as time expired.

Moises and Santos were among the four Blue Haus player who scored in twin digits in their close win. Moises had 12 markers, matching Bruce Berline's output, while Junar Guiab and Santos contributed 20 and 11, respectively. Jun Alipio paced Mariana Resort with his 18 points.

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Blue Haus' Edwin Santos goes for a reverse layup against Hawaiian Rock's Noel Mateo during their game in the Emon Lodge caging last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Santos made a free throw in the closing seconds of their 63-62 win over Mariana Resort last Monday night.

First Game

Hawaiian Rock 76 – Abaygar 18, Guiang 14, Palacios 11, Dela Cruz 6, Tiples 6, Mateo 5, Salazar 4, Tengco 2, De Belen 2.

PIC Chefs 74 – J. Tabora 26, Catalla 16, Sublement 13, D. Tabora 6, Fracis 6, Hernandez 5.

Scoring by quarters: 17-27, 36-40, 55-62, 76-74.

Second Game

Blue Haus 63 – Guiab 20, Moises 12, Berline 12, Santos 11, Pangelinan 4, Palacios 2, Diaz 2.

Mariana Resort 62 – Alipio 18, Pineda 14, Stohle 8, Montes 7, Galulu 7, Garcia 2, Cosino 2.

Scoring by quarters: 14-9, 28-29, 45-44, 63-62.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	55	44	.556	—
New York	51	48	.515	4
Toronto	52	49	.515	4
Tampa Bay	48	53	.475	8
Boston	47	53	.470	8½

Central Division

Detroit	55	42	.567	—
Cleveland	51	49	.510	5½
Kansas City	49	50	.495	7
Chicago	48	53	.475	9
Minnesota	45	54	.455	11

West Division

Oakland	61	38	.616	—
Los Angeles	59	40	.596	2
Seattle	53	47	.530	8½
Houston	42	58	.420	19½
Texas	40	60	.400	21½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Washington	55	43	.561	—
Atlanta	54	46	.540	2
Miami	47	52	.475	8½
New York	47	53	.470	9
Philadelphia	43	57	.430	13

Central Division

Milwaukee	56	45	.554	—
St. Louis	54	46	.540	1½
Pittsburgh	53	47	.530	2½
Cincinnati	51	49	.510	4½
Chicago	41	57	.418	13½

West Division

San Francisco	56	44	.560	—
Los Angeles	56	46	.549	1
Arizona	44	57	.436	12½
San Diego	43	56	.434	12½
Colorado	40	60	.400	16

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medal, while Lia was in close second and won the silver with her 26.40m. Nauru's Nina Grundler (25.81) notched the bronze, while three Pohnpei bets finished fourth to sixth place.

In the men's 400m hurdles, Ngirchongor prevailed against six other participants. He completed the race in 1:00.89 to finish way ahead of Pohnpei's Savier Edwin (1:02.13). Another Pohnpei athlete, McCafrrey Gilmete (1:02.47) nabbed the bronze.

Ngirchongor also raced in the 100m sprint, but fell just one notch short of advancing to the next round after placing at No. 15 with his time of 11.88 seconds. Only the Top 14 runners qualified for the second round and one of them was Ngirchongor's teammate, Brandon Phillip, who was ranked No. 13 after recording 11.80 seconds. The finals of the 100m run was scheduled last night and results were unavailable at press time

In the octathlon, Orrin Pharmin saved a silver medal after topping the last two events of the competition. He logged a field best 1.60m in the high jump and 37.08m in the javelin throw to redeem himself from a fifth place finish in the 110m hurdles (20.98 seconds). Pharmin did the first five events of the octathlon last Tuesday, getting two second place finishes, two fourth, and one third. Pharmin lost the gold medal to Palau's Francis Tkel, while Pohnpei's Jesse Jack brought home the gold.

A couple of relay races and middle distance events were left in last night's track and field contest, while today's men's and women's half marathon concludes the Game's athletics competition.

Victoria gets one more gold

The swimming competition at the PNI Swimming Pool ended yesterday with the CNMI's Victoria Chentsova getting her third gold medal in the Games after winning the 400m freestyle event.

Chentsova clocked in at 4:53.64 to beat four other swimmers in the 400m freestyle race and bring her medal total to four. She got a bronze in the 100m freestyle (1:04.37) and gold medals in the 200m freestyle (2:18.48) and 800m freestyle. The only female member of the CNMI Swimming Team also competed in yesterday's 50m backstroke and finished sixth with her 35.80 seconds.

In other results, Takumi Sugie almost made it to the medal podium in the 400m freestyle after placing fourth with his 4:46.41. In the 50m freestyle, he was ranked eighth after clocking in at 28.49 seconds. Kento Akimaru and Christian Villacrusis joined the 50m freestyle, too and placed 11th (29.18 seconds) and 12th (29.33 seconds), respectively. In his two other races, Akimaru was ranked seventh in the 100m breaststroke (1:22.19) and fifth in the 400m freestyle (4:53.34). Villacrusis also competed in the 100m breaststroke and placed sixth with a time of 1:22.35.

Basketball teams bounce back; Baseball game rained-out

The CNMI Men's National Team recovered from its debut loss to Palau after beating Nauru, 97-74, in Day 2 of the tournament at the COM-FSM National Gymnasium last Tuesday.

The Commonwealth's cagebelles also played in Day 2 of the basketball competition and went 0-2 after bowing to defending gold medalist Guam, 35-86. The Connie Camacho-captained squad then suited up in its third straight game yesterday and finally barged into the win column after routing Nauru, 89-54.

The CNMI Men's Nationals were also scheduled to play their third match yesterday, meeting Pohnpei in the last game of the day, but results were unavailable at press time.

In baseball, the CNMI's game against Kosrae was rained-out at the bottom of the second inning with neither team breaking into the scoreboard. The match may resume today after the CNMI's 9am (8am Saipan time) tiff against Pohnpei. The CNMI sluggers are gunning for their second straight win after an impressive 3-0 victory over Palau last Tuesday.

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to put the CNMI on top.

With less than 20 minutes left in the match, Macau rushed its offense in a bid to at least equalize, but failed to convert on two corner kicks with Noetzel saving one more and his teammates stepping up in the other to break up the play.

A two-minute stoppage time gave Macau an opportunity to spoil the Blue Ayuyus' victory ride, but the latter hung in there to post the historic win.

Noetzel started out for the CNMI's victory over Macau and was joined by Kennedy Izuka, Knecht, Schuler, Bo Barry, Takano, Joel Fruit, Swaim, Ruselle Zapanta, Miller and Jehn Joyner. Izuka was injured midway in the first half and was replaced by Trey Dunn. Daniel Agulto also saw action against Macau, relieving Joyner in the second half, while Jireh Yobech came in for Zapanta. Kiyoshi Sekiguchi is the team's head coach and is assisted by Taketomo Suzuki and goalkeeper coach Hon Kit Cheng.

Meanwhile, the CNMI Women's National Team hopes to ride on the men's squad's momentum when it plays Macau today at 5:30pm. The Commonwealth's female players are aiming to bounce back from a 0-7 loss to Guam during the opening of the tournament last Sunday.

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Participating teams pose for a photo at the conclusion of the opening ceremony of the 8th Micronesian Games.

CNMI flag bearer Manny Sablan of baseball leads the Commonwealth's delegation during the opening ceremony of the 8th Micronesian Games last Sunday at the PNI Track and Field in Pohnpei.

Rachel Abrams is congratulated by a Pohnpei official for winning the gold medal in the 200m run.

Male dancers perform during the opening ceremony.

Lia Rangamar, center, leads the podium finishers in the women's javelin throw.

From left, Christian Villacrusis, Victoria Chentsova, coach Jacoby Winfield, Kento Akimaru, and Takumi Sugie pose for a photo after the swimming competition yesterday.

The CNMI's Jesse James, second from left, and Seiya Eda (252) race in the 1,500m run.

Baseball's Tyrone Omar gestures during the parade of teams.

Three Pohnpeians lead the lighting of the torch during the opening ceremony.

A man in parachute flashes the official flag of the 8th Micronesian Games.

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Blue Ayuyus earn historic victory

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The CNMI Men's National Team made history yesterday after stunning Macau, 2-1, in the Preliminary Round 1 of the 2015 EAFF East Asian Cup at the Guam Football Association Training Centre in Harmon.

Nick Swaim and Kirk Schuler scored one goal apiece in the Blue Ayuyus' historic victory. The win was first for the CNMI's men's team in any international competition and boosted the team's chances of advancing to the next round of the EAFF-sanctioned tournament. The CNMI has a 1-0-1 win-draw-loss record in the four-team tournament and another upset in its game against Guam tomorrow, coupled with Mongolia's loss to the host will help the Blue Ayuyus make the cut. Only the Top 2 teams after the round-robin tournament will march into the second round.

The CNMI nosed out Macau despite playing in heavy rains and falling behind early in the match as the latter found the back of the net in the 14th minute. Down, but definitely not out, the CNMI made several attempts to equalize, but faltered on three occasions, as it was called for an offside, while Joe Miller's shot was foiled by Macau, and Jonathan Takano lost possession on his way to attacking their foe's defense.

Macau tried to make it a 2-0 lead when it attempted a corner kick, but the shot was wide. The CNMI then countered with Swaim converting off a corner kick in the 36th minute to force a deadlock. The Blue Ayuyus had a chance to break the tie in the closing minutes of the first half with Miller getting a free kick but Lucas Knecht was called for an offside.

In the second half, Macau unloaded two more shots, hoping to shatter the standoff, but CNMI goalkeeper Johann Noetzel was there for the saves. Noetzel's second save in the final frame was registered in the 62nd minute and three minutes later Schuler came out for a diving header

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The CNMI's Jonathan Takano tries to dribble past two Mongolia defenders during their game in the Preliminary Round 1 of the 2015 EAFF East Asian Cup at the Guam Football Association Training Centre in Harmon last Monday. The CNMI lost to Mongolia, but bounced back yesterday with a historic 2-1 win over Macau.

CNMI Athletics Team delivers, again

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The CNMI's Orrin Pharmin, second left, joins the 110m hurdles of the men's octathlon event in yesterday's 8th Micronesian Games at the PNI Track and Field in Pohnpei.

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For the third straight day, the CNMI Athletics Team collected medals in the 8th Micronesian Games, earning three golds and four silvers in yesterday's track and field competition in Pohnpei.

Rachel Abrams notched her third gold medal in the Games, ruling the women's high jump, while Dolores Rangamar got her first gold, and Beo Ngirchongor bagged his second. Rangamar won in the women's discus throw, while Ngirchongor topped the men's 400m hurdles. The CNMI also hauled four silver medals in the penultimate day of the athletics competition.

With the Commonwealth winning three more gold medals in athletics and one in swimming in Day 3 of the Games, the CNMI's gold medal total was up to 10. Team Marianas, which also has six silver medals and one bronze, is in fourth place in the medal standings (as of 6pm yesterday) behind Guam (21-12-4), Pohnpei (15-14-14), and Palau (14-8-14).

Abrams took the gold in the women's long jump after recording 1.38m and beating fellow CNMI athlete Friendly Joy Pena (1.25m). The multiple gold medalists also joined the 100m run yesterday and placed second behind the Marshall Islands' Lanja Fritz. Abrams' official time in the finals was unavailable at press time, but his qualifying time read at 13.45 seconds. He registered the third fastest time in the qualifying heat and topped her preliminary race. Pena and Zarinae Sapong also joined the 100m qualifying run with the former getting the last slot to the second round with her 13.88 seconds. Sapong finished next to Pena, but missed the cut after submitting 13.96 seconds.

In the women's discuss, the CNMI had a 1-2 finish with mother and daughter Dolores and Lia Rangamar beating four other participants. Dolores recorded 26.42m to take the gold

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MEDAL TALLY

As of 6pm July 23, 2014

Countries	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Guam	21	12	4	37
Pohnpei	15	14	14	43
Palau	14	8	14	36
CNMI	10	6	1	17
RMI	4	15	15	34
Yap	3	5	5	13
Chuuk	3	4	5	12
Kosrae	3	2	4	9
Nauru	0	4	1	5
Kiribati	0	0	0	0

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